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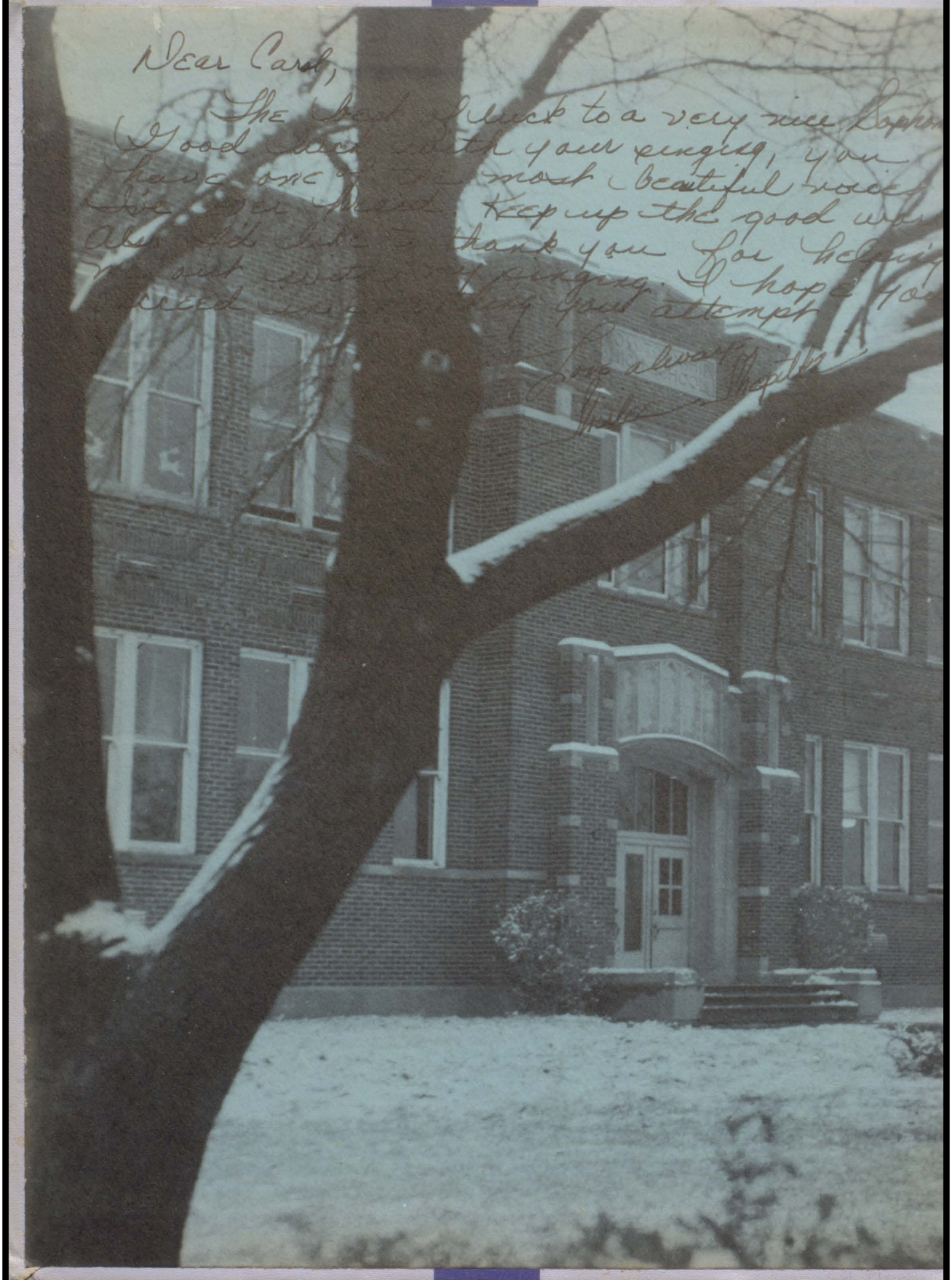
Dear Carl,
The best luck to a very nice Sopho
Good luck with your singing, you
have one of the most beautiful voices
Keep up the good wo
thank you for being
I hope you
your attempt
Love always
Hope

MERRILLVUE

Presented

by

Class

of

1955

Merrillville High School

Merrillville

Indiana

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Mr. Edgar Miller
Principal

Mr. Miller, our very capable principal, has been at M. H. S. for the past 18 years with the exception of four years. Two of his four-year absence from Merrillville were spent teaching at Hobart school, and the other two were spent as a supervisor at the National Tube Company.

He received his B. S. degree from Central Normal and his Master's degree from Indiana University.

During the summer months you are likely to find Mr. Miller in his garden, for gardening is his favorite hobby.

Providing a well-rounded educational program for the youth of the community is his chief concern.

We, the graduating class of 1955, wish to thank Mr. Miller for all his help and guidance he has given us during our years at Merrillville.

MR. JOHN LISMAN
Grade School Principal

MR. ROBERT BRANNOCK
Supt. of Schools

MR. HENRY FIELER
Trustee

MRS. ELLEN FRAZURE
School Secretary

MRS. HELEN HAYDEN
School Treasurer

MRS. MILDRED MEYER
School Nurse

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University of Denver

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Dean of Boys
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Ball State Teachers College, B.A.
Indiana University
Purdue University

Robbie Bothwell

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English
Valpo University, B.A.

GRACE BOVARD
Business Education
Indiana University, B.S., M.B.A.

JAMES BOVARD
Social Studies
Indiana University, B.S., M.S.
Butler University

IRENE COLLINS
Dean of Girls
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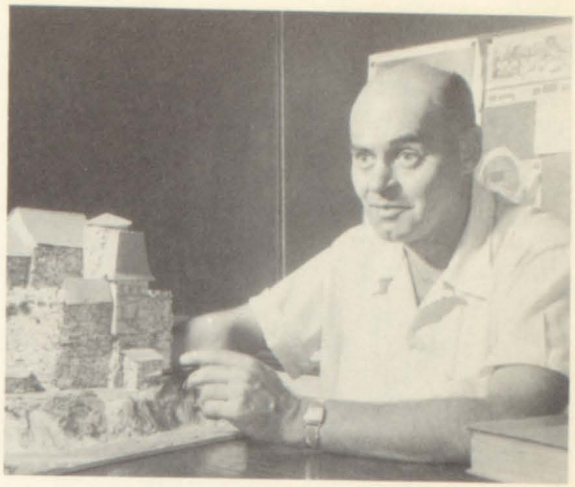
University of Wisconsin



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History and Football Coach
Northwestern University, B.S.
Purdue University
Indiana University
Akron, Ohio University

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Basketball and Baseball Coach
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Indiana University, M.S.

DOROTHY HOBBS
Physical Education and Science
Seattle Pacific College, B.A.
University of Washington, M.A.
American Gymnastics Union
Normal College

JAMES HOLDERMAN
Art
Ball State Teachers College, B.S.E.
Ohio State

FRANK MELTZER
Instrumental Music
Canterbury College, B.S.
Ball State Teachers College

CLYDE MOTTS
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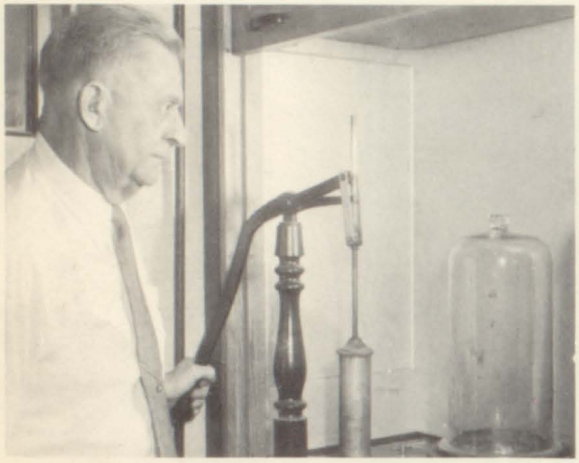
Manchester College, B.A.
Ball State Teachers College, M.A.
Indiana University



FRANK PRUITT
Mathematics and Science
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University of Louisville
University of Missouri

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Indiana State Teachers College, B.S.

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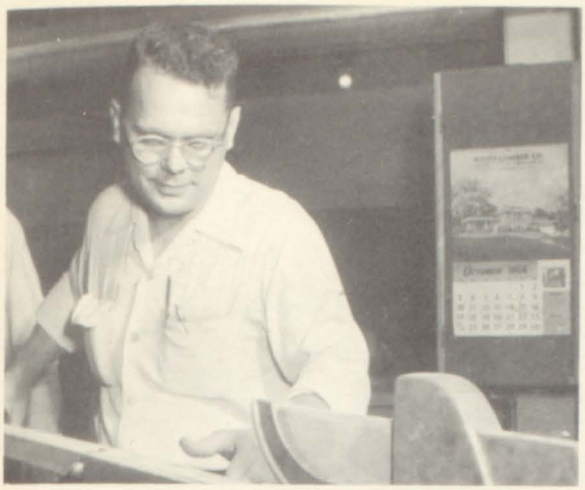
Indiana University
University of Chicago



STANLEY SEMOKAITIS
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Indiana State Teachers College, B.S.
Western Michigan College of Education

RICHARD STUART
Agriculture
Purdue University
School of Agriculture, B.S., M.S.

ALEANA THOMAS
Home Economics
Indiana State Teachers College, B.S.

FLORENCE WHEELER
English and Spanish
University of Chicago, Ph.B., M.A.

Florence Wheeler

VELVEN WOOLDRIDGE
Industrial Arts
Southern Illinois University, B.S.
Indiana University
Purdue University

JOYCE WORKMAN
English and Journalism
Indiana State Teachers College, B.S.

Barbara Bilous

The first tragedy to befall our class occurred on a bleak March night in 1952. It was the death of a beloved classmate, Barbara Jean Bilous.

It is true that Barbara had been critically ill for three months from the incurable disease, dropsy, but her death still came as a terrible shock to her friends.

Barbara was a lively girl with many ambitions. Despite her illness, she still made valiant plans for the future, but her future was to be very short. It was not to bring to reality her dreams; only hospital beds, medicine . . . . However, there were bright spots during her illness--visits, flowers, letters, cards from classmates, friends, and relatives.

Although Barbara is not walking through our halls anymore, she is still present in the hearts of all of us whom she has left behind.

In Memoriam

Yvonne Aubuchon

As the final strains of the Commencement Processional echo through the gymnasium this year, the memory of Yvonne Aubuchon is in the heart of every senior.

Yvonne died of polio during her junior year, after lying motionless in an iron lung and bed for more than a year.

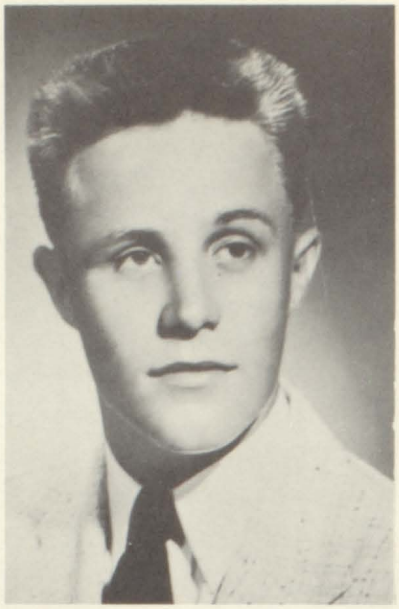
But there still remains memories: the memory of an energetic girl playing basketball; the memory of a girl cheering madly at football games; the memory of a good sport who never turned down a dare; and finally, the memory of a fine classmate.

Yes, Yvonne was an all-round, fun-loving American teen-ager.

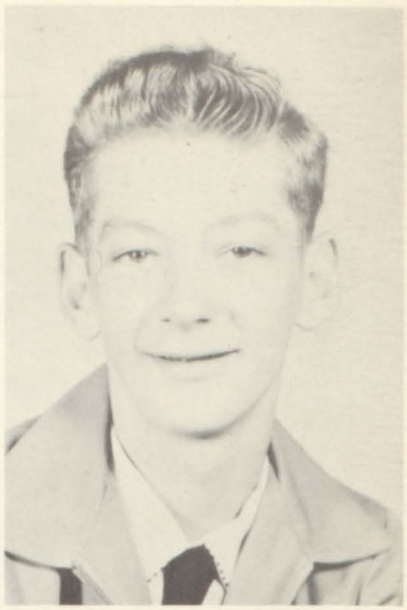
Those of us who knew her will never forget her, and those of us who never met her have missed knowing a swell girl.

SENIORS

NANCY APPLETON
"Those who bring sunshine to others cannot keep it from themselves."



CHARLES ASHTON
"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty."

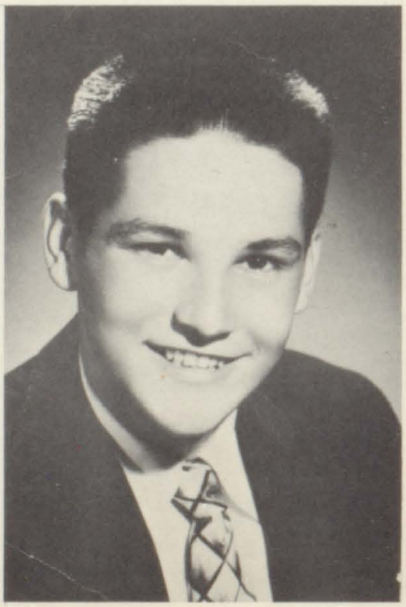


JIM BACKE
"A nice, shy guy is he."

We're Loyal To You....

PAT BANSER
"She lives in light; not shadow."

RONNIE BARBERCHECK
"Without sweat and labor no work is brought to perfection."



LUELLA BARDWELL
"Quiet, shy, but a real friend to know."

DELBERT BATEMAN
"It is by working that we become workmen."

PEGGY BERRIER
"She is a free woman whom the truth makes free."

DAVID BLACK
"Never worry worry, 'til worry worries you."

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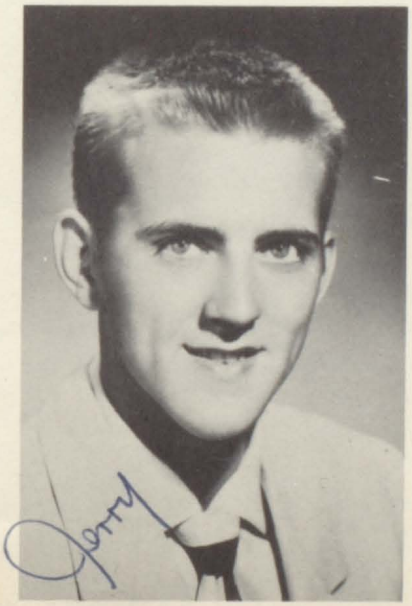
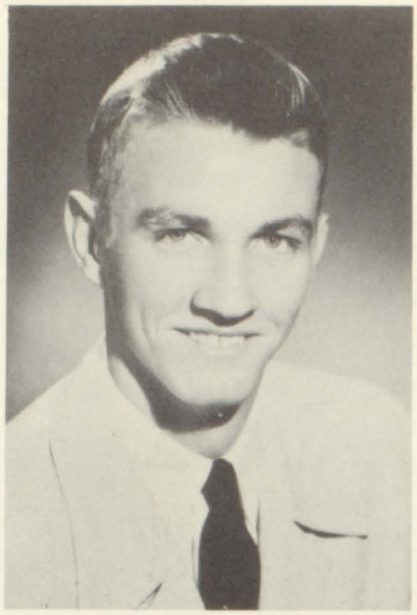
BETH BURTON
"Almost everything that is great has been done by youth."

JERRY CHENTNIK
"He sings and his song is heard."



JUDY CLARK
"A cute girl is she, so dainty and small."

TERESA COCHRAN
"Good health and good sense are two of life's greatest blessings."

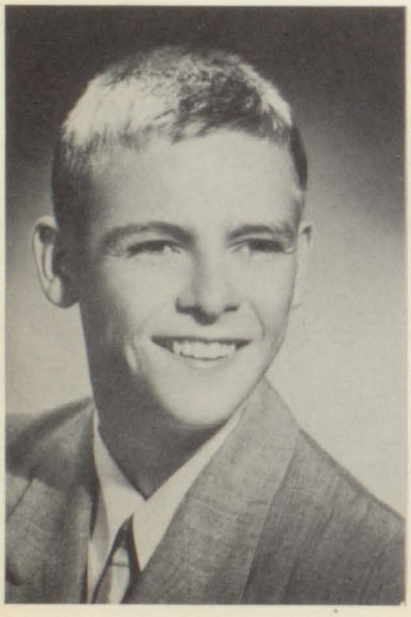


ARLAN COLE
"If only one could match his strength with every inch of his long length."

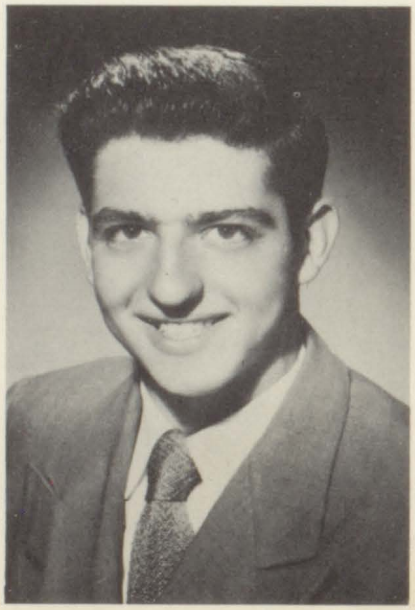
SUE COOL
"She is gentle, kind, and fair."

We're Purple And White....

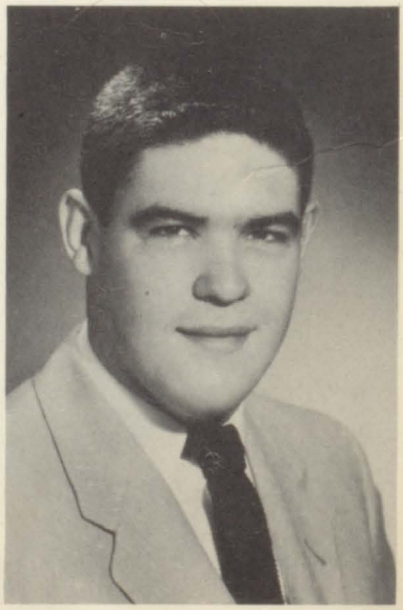
JAMES COSTER
"Not tall in stature but mighty in deed is he."



BOB COVACIU
"He who has strength for any task."

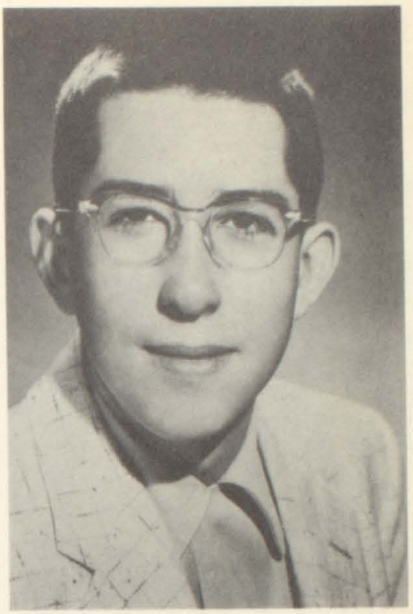


BILL CRAIG
"A wise man knows everything; a shrewd man everybody."



JOANN DAVIDS
"And if by chance that it is a success, we owe it to her, we must confess."

JUANITA DAVIS
"Good things come in small packages."



BRUCE DEPEW
"A nice personality, full of vitality."

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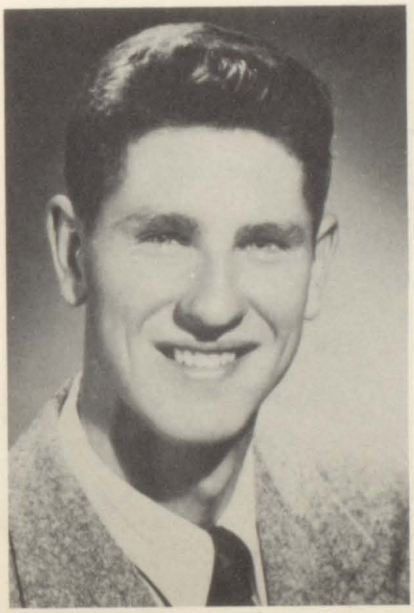
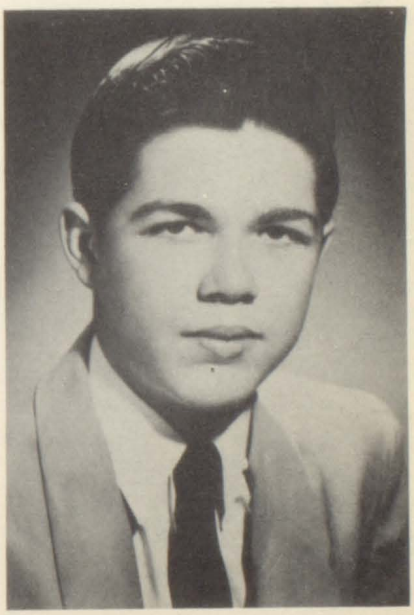
CORALIE DEVRIES
"Her fairness was a joy to behold."

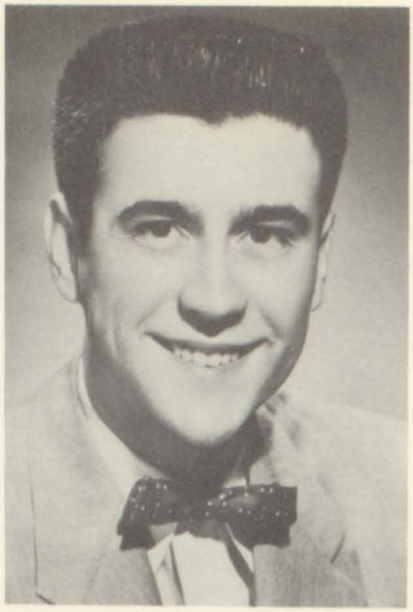
JOE DOUTHETT
"He liveth long who liveth well."



JACK ELKINS
"Be noble in every thought and in deed."



WARREN ENGSTROM
"He was a mild young guy, and cherished much."

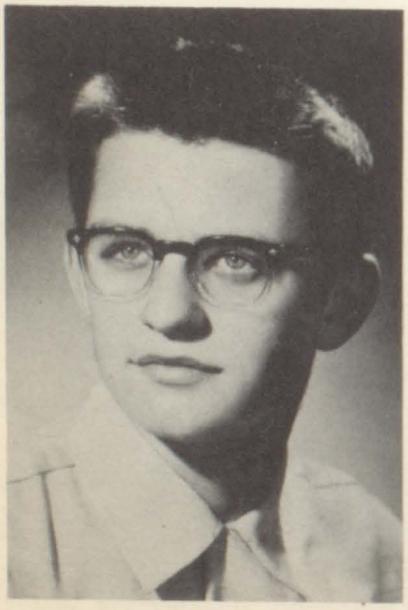


PHILLIP FISHER
"He is surely built for speed."

JILL FRANK
"A favorite of all for sweetness and grace, for she is the girl with the bright smiling face."

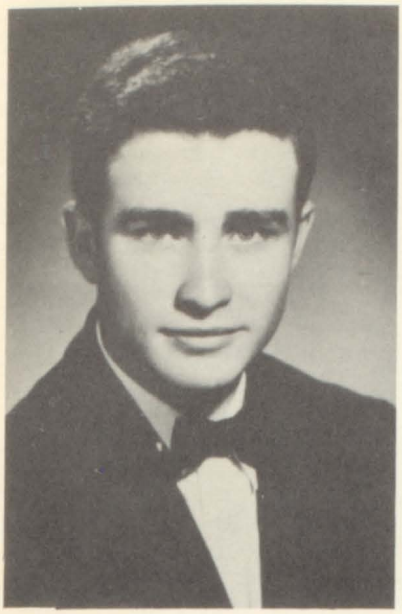
We'll Back You To Stand . . . .

RONALD FRANKOVICH
"He is truly happy who can make others happy."

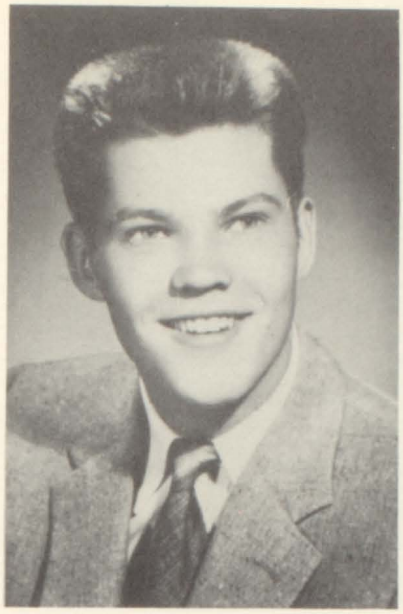


NANCY FRAZURE
"Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."

WANDA FROGGE
"Excellent things are rare."



JAMES GILDERSLEEVE
"Happiness lies first of all in health."

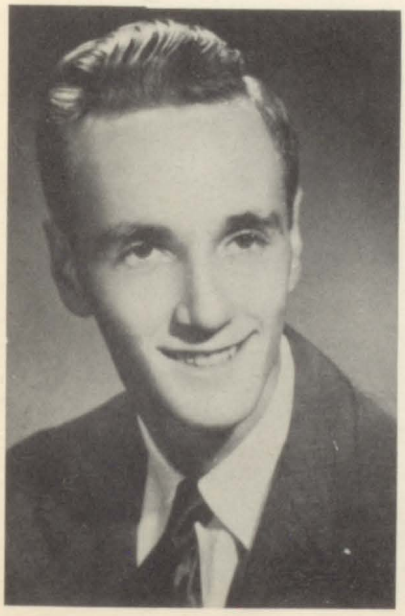


LARRY GOLKOWSKI
"Character must be kept bright as well as clean."

GERALDINE GRIFFIN
"A cheery little spirit, I know."

We're The Best In The Land . . . . .

DAVID GUST
"Let me have audience for a word or two."



JULIE ANN HARLOW
"She goes all so softly on her way."

DONNA HICKMAN
"A touch of humor and a big smile often prove to be her style."

CAROL HUNTER
"If silence is golden, then I don't want to be rich."

SHIRLEY HURLBURT
"A girl who has so many willful ways."

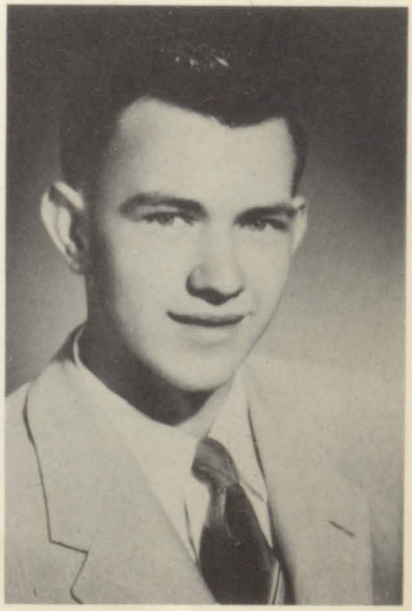
JEANNINE JEVICKS
"Life without mischief is not life at all."

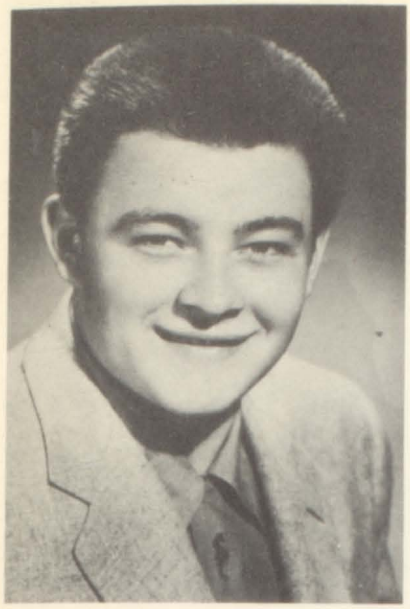
For We Know You Will Stand . . . .

NANCY JENKINS
"She smiles and smiles and never sighs."

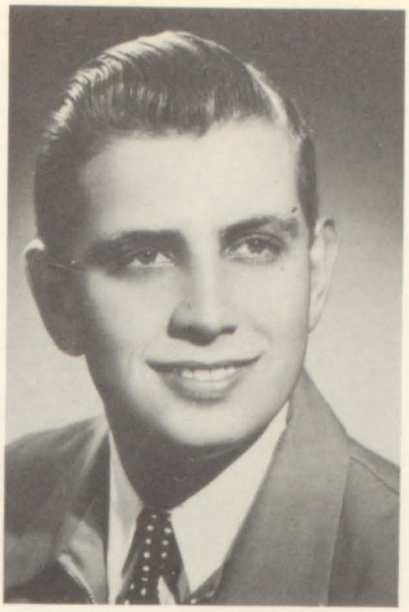
JOYCE JOHNSON
"Harmony, with every grace, plays in the fair proportions of her face."

DONALD JONES
"He greets you with a smile from friendly eyes."

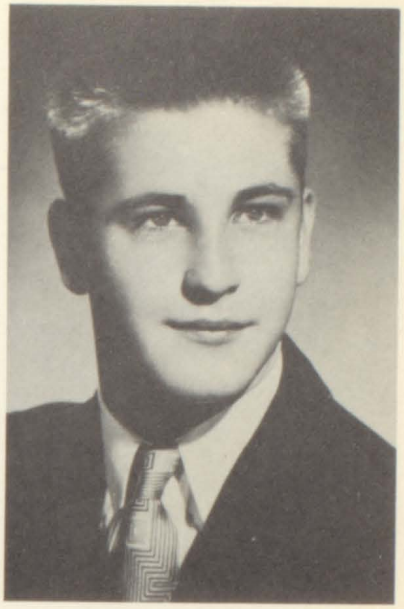




CURTIS KILLION
"Tall and fair with crew cut hair, ever ready to take a dare."



CLAUDE KLINGAMAN
"The man that blushes is not quite a brute."



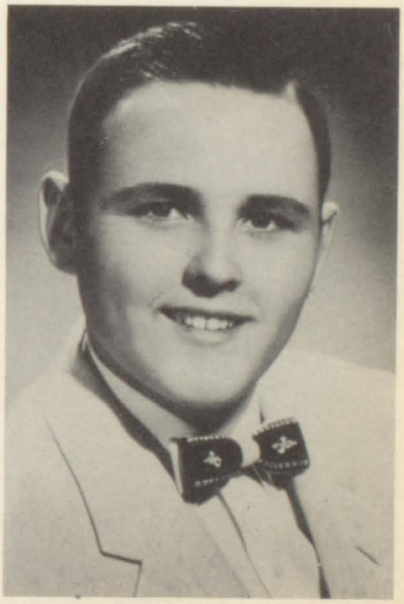
TOM KOKINDA
"A wise man turns chance into fortune."

Merrillville High Rah! Rah!

ANNA KOPSICK
"Patience and gentleness is power."

LOIS KROS
"Here the spirit of beauty keepth."

LARRY LAPE
"Faith is a continuation of reason."



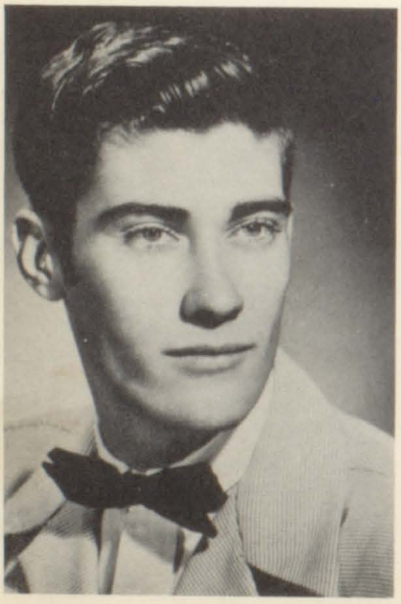
MARY LAWRENCE
"She who loves music enjoys life."

DON LECIK
"Nothing is impossible to a willing mind."

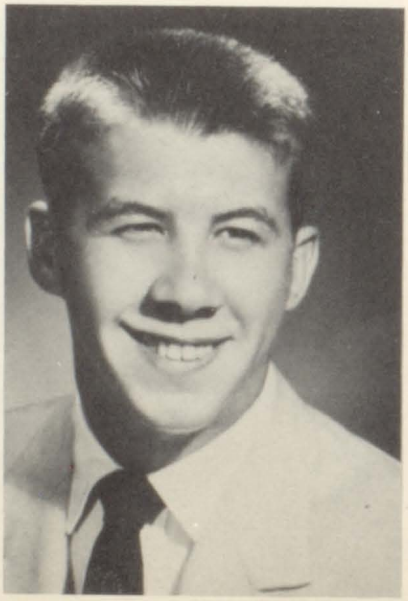
ARLETHA LEGGITT
"Modesty is the grace of the soul."

So Pack Up That Ball . . . . .

DICK LEHMAN
"A true believer in the team, he helped to keep them on the beam."

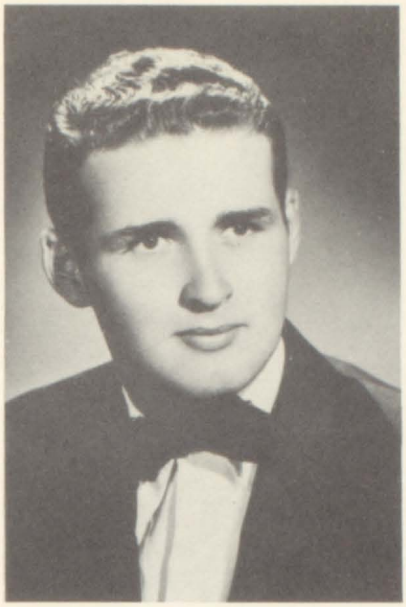


DON LOLLIS
"As having nothing and yet possessing all things."



PAT LEWIS
"She brings such gay and shiny things to pass."

SALLY LUEBCKE
"Her ways are as gentle as a breeze."



MALCOLM LUNSFORD
"He was handsome, kind, and gentle."

APRIL MAIHOFER
"Her blue eyes shine with heavenly light."

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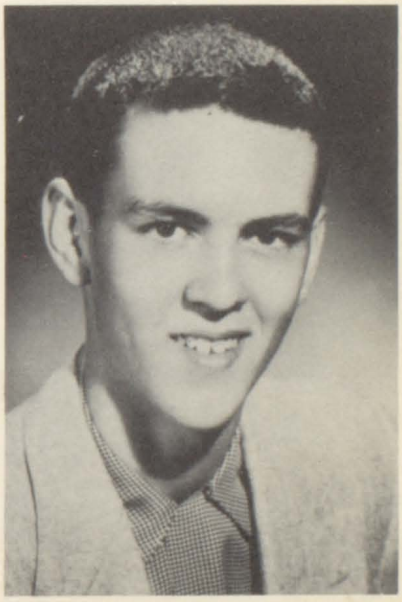
JEANETTE MANDLEY
"She brings such gay shining things to pass."

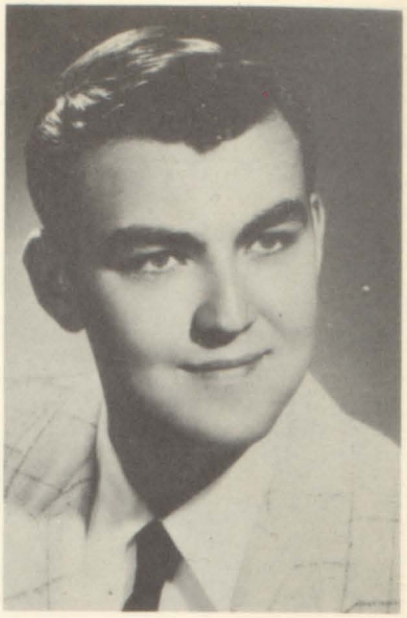
SHARON MARSHALL
"Her long black hair has quite a shine, and to us all she's mighty fine."

TOM MAYER
"With an honest friend and merry song."



MARLENE MELAT
"So tall she is and slender, and so fair."

KENNY METCALF
"Men of few words are wise men."



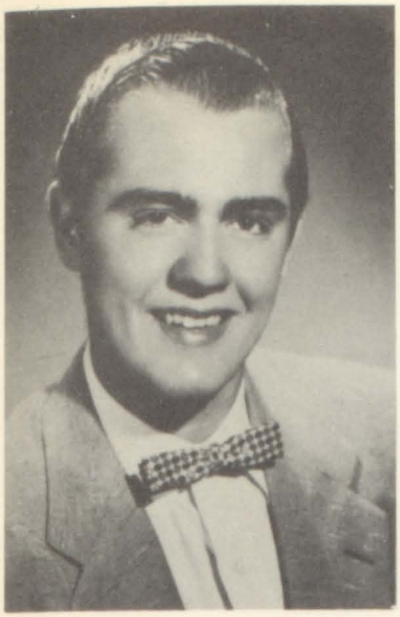
LARRY NEMETH
"He made a thousand friends, yes, and kept them, too."

We're Backing You All . . . .

WILLIAM NICHOLS
"Mischief is a part of him."

RAYMOND NILES
"He went and he was gay to go."

NANCY PETERSON
"She was indeed kind, all the world knows that."



JERRY PIERCE
"Greatness and goodness are not means, but ends! Hath he not always treasures, always friends."

DICK POLING
"A combination hard to beat: a scholar, friend, and athlete."

MARY PRICE
"She who ascends to mountain tops shall find."

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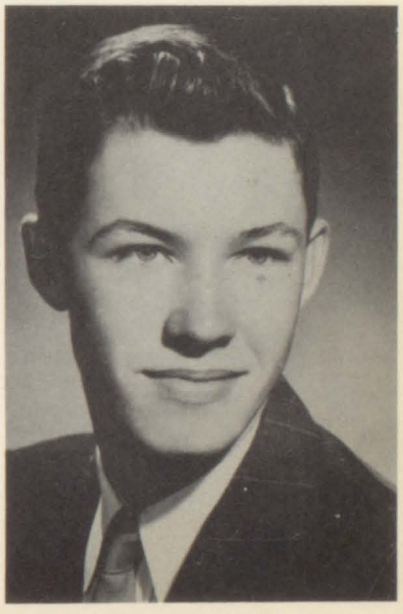
STEVE RATAJEC
"He puts his heart into playing the game."

SHIRLEY RAZUS
"Her heart is always doing lovely things."

RICHARD SADLER
"A witty comrade at your side."



PEGGY SEVERANCE
"She is a fool who cannot be angry; but she is a wisewoman who will not."

JOYCE SHANNON
"She dresses, aye, so clean and neat."

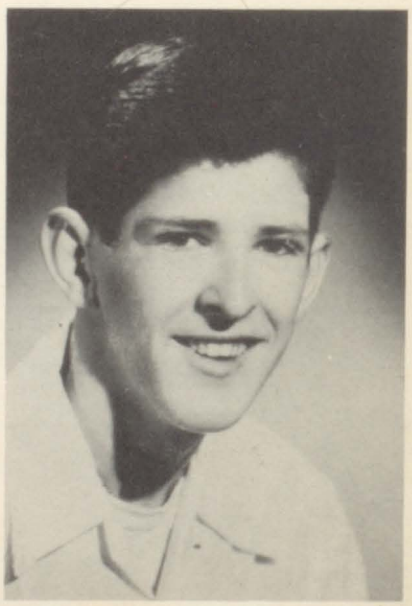
MARGARET SHEETS
"Success, remember, is the reward of toil."

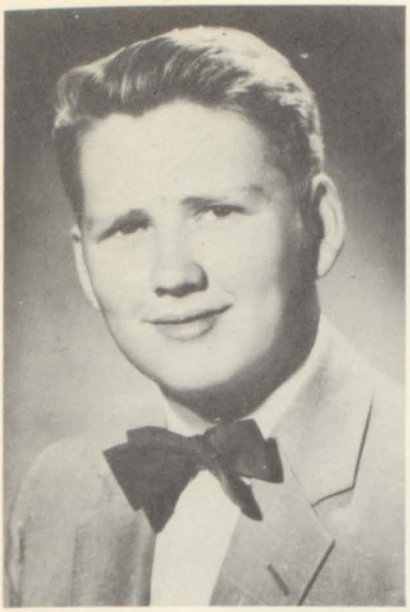
Our Team Is The Fame Protector . . . .

JUDY SHOWALTERBAUGH
"Merry as the day is long."

TOM SOKOL
"Many receive advice, only the wise profit by it."

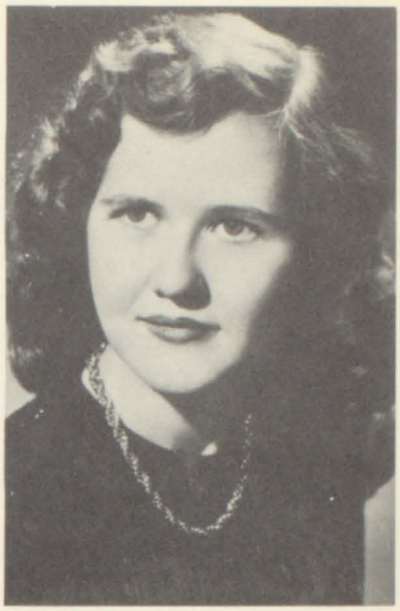
DAVID STOLTZ
"Good humor is goodness and wealth combined."





BERT STRINGHAM
"Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers."

KERMITA THOMPSON
"Good work makes beautiful things, and good work lasts."



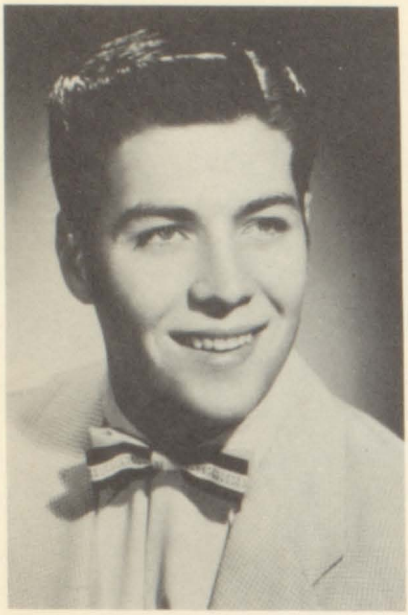
MARIANN VEREB
"She quietly steals your heart away."

On Boys, For We Expect . . . .

MARILYN WIELGUS
"A studious and winsome lass, always was at the top of the class."

BETH WILBURN
"Red hair . . . humorous . . . nice to know."

BARBARA YESTER
"Her eyes are deepest wells of hidden thought."



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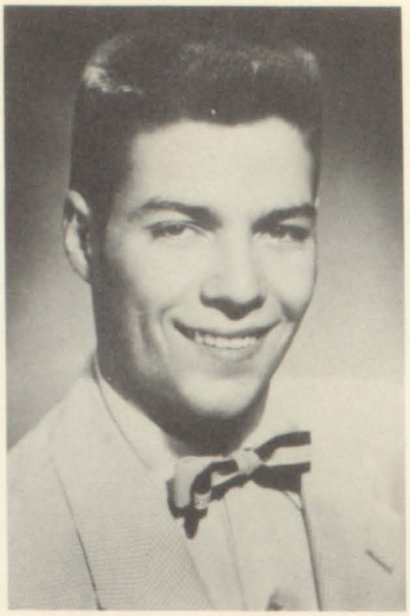

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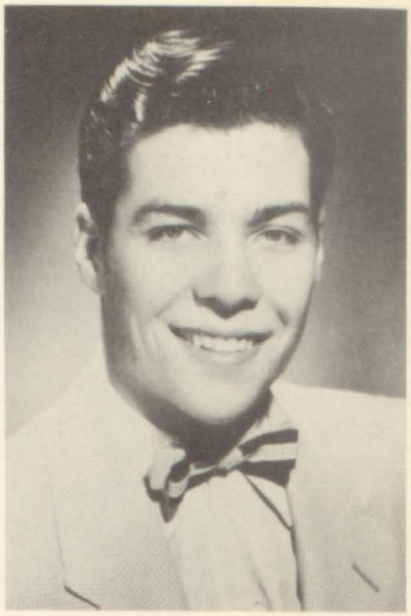
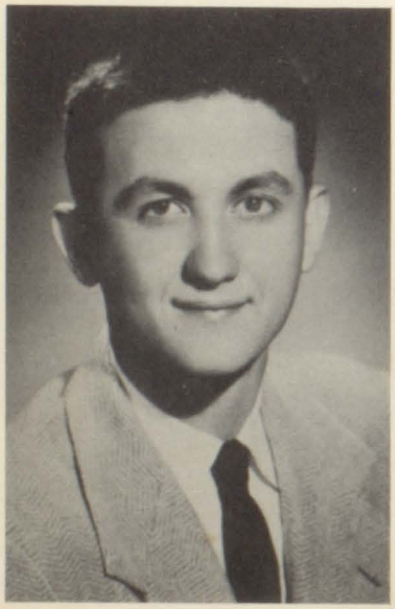


ROBERT JEFFERY
"When man to man shall be a friend and brother."

A Victory For You . . . .

RICHARD YURKO
"His eyes are bright, and all the world is gay."



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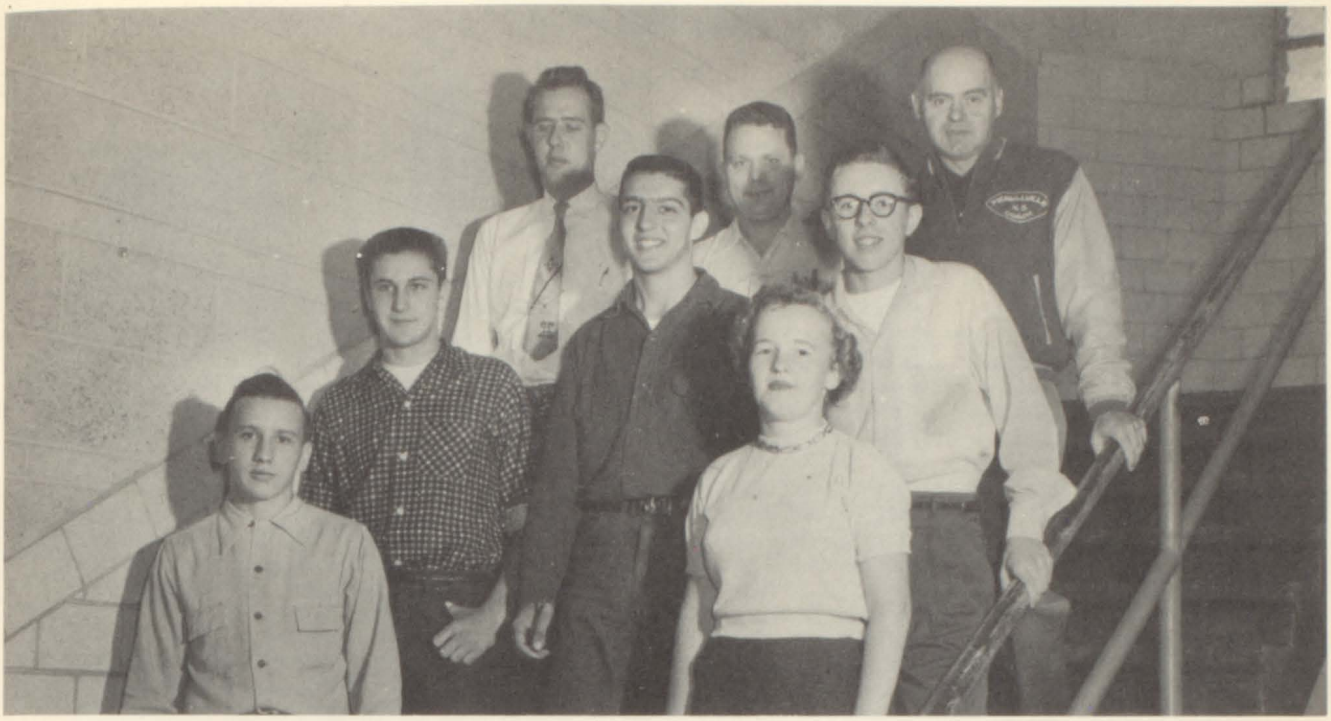
BILL HENDERSON
ANDY PAVLOV



ROW 1: Andy Pavlov, Secretary; Beth Burton, Treasurer. ROW 2: Tom Kokinda, President; Bob Covaciu, Vice-President; Bill Nichols, Sergeant-at-arms. ROW 3: Mr. Bovard, Mr. Semokaitis, Mr. Demaree.

Merrillville High. Oh, Those Memories!

As our senior year ended, we found ourselves thinking back over our four fun filled years at M.H.S.

When we were "green freshmen," we were lead by Bob Covaciu, President; Nancy Appleton, Vice-President; Patt Merritt, Secretary; Judy Showalterbaugh, Treasurer; and Melvin Greiner, Sergeant-at-arms. Our two main activities were our skating party and our "Shamrock Shimmy" dance.

Then came our second year of high school when we chose black and gold as our class colors. This year Bert Stringham was head man, while Nancy Appleton, Vice-President; Warren Engstrom, Secretary; Sharon Marshall, Treasurer; and Margaret Sheets, Sergeant-at-arms were his able assistants. Again, we sponsored a dance with the theme "Buttons and Bows." Grief was brought to the class by the passing away of our classmate, Barbara Bilious.

As Juniors we found ourselves busily planning for the big event all Junior classes plan for, the Prom. We held our prom at the Croation Center, and the theme was "Moonlight and Roses." Nancy Appleton and Steve Ratajec were crowned queen and king. Another big event of this year was the play, which was "Books and Crooks." Our commanding officers this year were: Steve Ratajec, President; Tom Kokinda, Vice-President; Kenny Metcalf, Secretary; Richard Poling, Treasurer; Larry Nemeth, Sergeant-at-arms. Again grief hit our class as Yvonne Aubuchon was taken by the dreadful disease of polio.

Our Senior year started with a "bang" as we presented "Tish" to a capacity crowd. We also sponsored a dance which was a big success. Plans for the baccalaureate and commencement exercises kept us busy, as did our Senior Trip. Leading us through this successful year were: Tom Kokinda, President; Bob Covaciu, Vice-President; Andy Pavlov, Secretary; Beth Burton, Treasurer; and Bill Nichols, Sergeant-at-arms.

Memories? Oh yes, there are many of them!

World Tour In '65

The year 1965 rolls along in full fashion and with world wide activities. As we board a train at the beginning of a world wide tour, we see the handsome conductor is none other than Bill Henderson. We arrive at the Chicago Airport and board the fast-flying passenger plane. "Fasten your safety belts," says Donna Hickman, who is the stewardess. A minute later the airline hostess who is Barbara Yester boards the plane. Here comes Bob Covaciu, the well-known pilot. It seems like a fast trip, and here we are in Sunny California.

We take a taxi, driven by a hacky named Delbert Bateman, and go sightseeing through beautiful Beverly Hills. There, on the hill, we see Actress Marlene Melat's beautiful mansion, so we decided to say "hello." As we ring the bell, the door opens; and we are greeted by Tom Sokol, the sleepy butler who forgets to take our wraps. We spend a wonderful hour here and then driven by Marlene's private chauffeur, Malcolm Lunsford, we go to a hotel in town. The manager, Don Jones, and his wife, the former Jill Frank, give us a comfortable room. Jim Coster, the bellhop carries our bags up, and we tip him generously.

The next morning we arise early and go to the famous TV station to see "Mams and Hams" with the famous comedians Tom Mayer and Wild Bill Nichols who are rehearsing. Here comes the producer, Arlan Cole, and the director, Shirley Razus. We stop a minute to read the reviews in the local paper. It is written by the famous journalist, LuElla Bardwell, who just finished her new book, THEY WENT THATA WAY. Starring on Broadway in her own ballet and acrobatic troup is Mary Lou Lawrence. Arletha Leggitt is planning to join the group soon. Let's read the headlines. Well, Judy Showalterbaugh has just married Prince Hoochy Koochy of Minetra.

As we cross the street, we are almost hit by a car driven by stock car racer, Speedy Phil Fisher, who hits a tree. The ambulance is called by Beth Burton who owns the drug store on the corner. It arrives and two stretcher bearers jump out. Why, it's Jerry Pierce and Rich Sadler, and the ambulance driver is Bruce DePew! At the hospital, nurse Marilyn Weilgus takes him to a room where Doctor April Maihofer and her assistant, Rich Poling, prescribe an x-ray which x-ray technician, Julie Harlow, takes. He is found to be in perfect condition, and, in relief, we go to a well known restaurant owned by the Jeffery triplets, Richard, Robert and Ralph. Mary Price, the singing waitress, takes our order which is cooked by the chef Bert Stringham.

We have tickets for the Boxing match tonight, which slates Big, bad, Bill (Bobo) Craig against Chucky (Little Guy) Ashton. The referee is Tom Kokinda. May the best one win.

We board a ship that evening bound for Paris, France, and are greeted by Larry Nemeth, the Captain. Once settled in our cabin, we ring for the stewardess who is Peggy Severence. As we go out on deck, we hear the strains of Albert DeYoung and his Symphony Orchestra, and the singer is Pat Banser, who is also a traveling missionary. Dining at a nearby table is Andy Pavlov, who has reached the top in business. "Man overboard." No, it's just Ron Frankovich the new Olympic Swimming Champion out for his daily swim. The days go quickly and we find ourselves on the shores of France.

As we step off the ship, we receive a warm welcome from Mendes-France's successor, Curtis Killion. We find a comfortable room and go on a tour of Paris.

Our first stop is at an exclusive dress shop. We arrive just in time to see the familiar smiling face of Beth Wilburn, wearing a creation designed by the foremost designers of the year, Joyce Shannon and Anna Kopscick.

Next we go to a sidewalk cafe, when all of a sudden a man and his girl companion run by, being followed by the police. We recognize them as Steve Ratajec and Sue Cool, now international bandits. Well, after this exciting day in France we are ready to journey on.

Arriving at our destination, we find that something strange has been taking place. Jim Gildersleeve and Don Lecik, the famous scientists, have found a way to make clear fog. We also find that Pat Lewis is on a new London TV show, "This Is Your Wife." Jeannine Jevicks and Jeanette Mandly have found important positions as chief designers of Queen Elizabeth's clothes. It is now tea time and Prime Minister Warren Engstrom invites us to tea. Working on an English newspaper is Gerrie Griffin, who is assistant Editor to Don Lollis.

Our time in England is soon up and we board a ship for Rome, Italy. Ambassador to Italy, Sally Luebcke, is just returning from the U.S. She tells us that our old classmate, Ken Metcalf, is now coach at old M.H.S. and Dick Lehman is assistant coach. Also teaching at M.H.S. is Wanda Frogge. One of our old classmates, Rich Yurko, is in jail for punching Larry Lape, now chief of police, in the nose.

We finally come to Rome and there, we find Judy Clark taking coins out of the famed "Wishing Well." We go through the ruins of an ancient temple and there, we meet Ron Barbercheck and Ray Niles, the archaeologist, who are evacuating the ruins. We reminisce awhile then with fond adieus we go our way once more and are now headed to unfriendly territory, Russia.

As we arrive at the iron curtain, we find Sharon Marshall making curtain rods for the iron curtain. Custom inspector Claude Klingaman finds our passports in order, and we are allowed to enter. As we ride through, we see Nancy Peterson riding in Molotov's car. She is now his secretary. The Merrillvillians sure go far, don't they? And there's David Stoltz. He's a bouncer at a Russian Nite-Club, and Jerry Chentnik is now the owner. We turn on our American radio while driving and hear Margaret Sheets playing her concert piano. Her fame is now far and wide. It seems like only yesterday she was cleaning Liberace's keys. Oh, David Black has just taken an expedition to the moon which was very successful.

The following morning we are ready to leave for the U.S. We arrive at the island of Hawaii, which is now a state of the Union, for a short time. General Larry Golkowski of the U.S. Army stationed here, shows us the island. Lois Kros, Nancy Jenkins, and Carol Hunter are members of the U.S.O. troup to entertain servicemen. Acting as army nurse is Teresa Cochran, while Shirley Hurlburt, Coralie DeVries, and Peggy Berrier are the only Wacs on the island. There's Nancy Frazure teaching the hula on her own studio, the beach. Assisting her is Mariann Vereb.

We take a ship bound for New York with happiness in our hearts. As we see the Statue of Liberty, there are tears in our eyes. We remember when we were all back at M.H.S. and how far each has gone in fame and fortune since "55". We find that Joe Douthett is now head of the Department of Agriculture, and Ralph Halfman and Joe own a large farm together. We finally have to go to a bank to cash a check to go home on. As we enter the large bank, Kermita Thompson waits on us and tells us that Jack Elkins is now bank president. Joyce Johnson is his private secretary. Kermita also tells us that Juanita Davis and JoAnn Davids are happily married, and Nancy Appleton is a mother of twin daughters.

We go by train back to Gary, Indiana, and take a bus to the old Merrillville High School, for since the days we graduated there is now a new one. As we walk down familiar halls once more, we seem to hear the echos of laughter from the past. Someday, soon, we will once more be together with our class sponsors, Mr. Bovard, Coach Demaree, and Mr. Semokaitis, for our class reunion is in another week. This we look forward to gladly and leave for home with memories forever in our hearts.

Anna Kopscick Bob Covaciu
BEST LOOKING

Jill Frank Bill Craig
MOST POPULAR

Beth Wilburn Warren Engstrom
BEST PERSONALITY

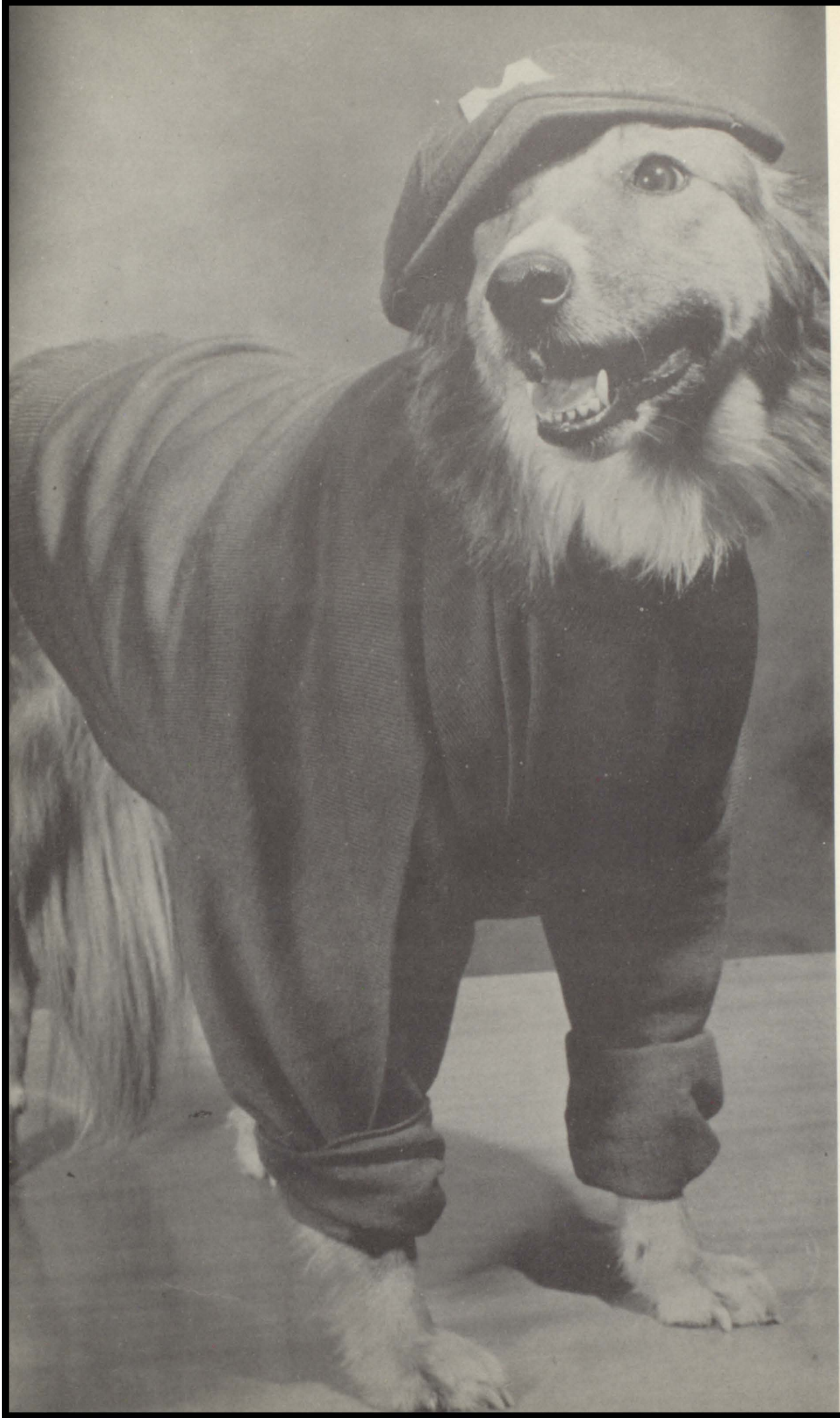
Margaret Sheets Bill Nichols
MOST INTELLIGENT

Senior Personalities

Marlene Melat Richard Lehman
MOST ATHLETIC

Judy Showalterbaugh Larry Nemeth
LIFE OF THE PARTY

Jo Ann Davids Steve Ratajec
BEST ALL AROUND



UNDERCLASSMEN

ROW 1: Wenzel Wegman, President; Fred Ogan, Vice-President; Jackie Jewell, Secretary; Jane Soohey, Treasurer.
ROW 2: Mr. Begrowicz, Mr. Woolridge, Mr. Beasley, Mrs. Collins, Sponsors.

Junior Promenade

The Junior class of 1954-55 sponsored the biggest event of the year, the annual Junior-Senior Prom. The prom was held at the Masonic Temple in Hammond, Indiana, on May 6, 1955. It was very beautifully decorated. Ken Nowlen and his orchestra furnished the music. Lynn Stevens was the accompanied singer.

The Juniors also presented their first play. The play took place on March 31 and April 1. It was under the direction of Mr. Beasley.

Another big event sponsored by the Junior class was their dance. The dance had a big turnout and was a big success.

The Junior class this year was under the leadership of Wenzel Wegman, President; Fred Ogan, Vice-President; Jackie Jewell, Secretary; Jane Soohey, Treasurer. The class sponsors were; Mr. Bergrowicz, Mr. Wooldridge, Mr. Beasley, and Mrs. Collins.

ROW 1: Shirley Reichanadter, Delores Marando, Charlene Jandura, Judy A. Meyer, Dianne Rose, Karen Nelson, Barbara Macy, Judy K. Meyer, Virginia Massengill. ROW 2: Bernard Griffin, Don Mriscin, Keith Oest, Virginia Reid, Gwyneth Klipp, Sharon Meyer, Jane Soohey, Pete Olovich, Eddie Minnich. ROW 3: Tommy Winders, Vincent Monzula, Ken Bailey, Jim Ray, Fred Ogan, Jim Randall, Joe Predina, Don Meyer, Frank Prez. ROW 4: Mr. Beasley, Earl Schanbal, John Rubary, Jim Powers, Ray Purcell, Bruce McDowell, Jim Newcomb, Bill Sanders, Rich Schlute, Cosmos Smith, Jay McCracken.

ROW 1: Marian Tyler, Dorothy Taylor, Darlene Wallace, Jean Shelhart, Dorothy Stringham, Shirley Schiesser, Irene Sumurdy, Sharon Sievert, Patti Woods. ROW 2: Wanda Stowers, Bula Shawer, Betty Van Blair, Lillian Wencl, Joanne Wojahn, Judy Surowiez, Marilyn Schreiber, Judy Welches, Carolyn Simms. ROW 3: Mr. Begrowicz, Ralph Smith, Larry Yaros, Gene Smith, John Hartsock, Bill Smith, Wenzel Wegman, David Meyer, John Wallace.

ROW 1: Nancy Karrle, Betty Held, Barbara Hornak, Carolyn Jenkins, Nina Hurlburt, Jacqueline Kros, Norma Herr, Norma Herron, Marilyn Johnson. ROW 2: Carole Luebcke, Norma Jones, Eleanor Larimar, Marie Loyce, Phyllis Lowell, Wayne Horner, Jerry Komp, Judy Hoekstra, Jacqueline Jewell. ROW 3: James King, Don Harger, Larry Lavery, Dick Lancaster, Leroy Kitchell, DeForest Lipke, Richard Velasco, Tom Jursic. ROW 4: Don Fedorchak, Bob Layman, John Kraft, Don Hatten, Louis Horner, David Maihofer, Bob Halfman, Sponsor, Mrs. Collins.

ROW 1: Richard Anstak, Jane Halsted, Beverly Essick, Janet Halsted, Evelyn Grant, Carole Guernsey, Sharon Gruel, Bob Benson. ROW 2: Loren Thompson, Joann Fitzgerald, Joyce Cockrum, Carol Craw, Ellen Blacka, Bonnie Felter, Jim Dugle. ROW 3: Vince Bloomiley, Paul Patton, Carlie Gernez, Dale Fleming, Bob Frank, Henry Cook, Terry Gill. ROW 4: Mr. Wooldridge, David Cain, Byron Buhr, Arnold DeWell, Robert Dondanville, David Dondanville, Ray Halfman, Jim Davies.

ROW 1: John Senko, President; Suzanne Black, Vice-President; Shirley Sheptika, Treasurer; Renee Halstead, Secretary. ROW 2: Mrs. Bothwell, Mr. Motts, Mr. Meltzer, Mr. Englehart.

They Chose Blue And White

This year 147 students represented one of the largest sophomore classes in the history of the school. They were under the guidance of Mrs. Bothwell, Mr. Motts, Mr. Meltzer, and Mr. Englehart. They chose as their capable leaders: John Senko, President; Suzanne Black, Vice - President; Renee Halstead, Secretary; and Shirley Sheptika, Treasurer.

A big and exciting moment during the year was when, on December 6, their class sweaters arrived. They represented the class colors, which were royal blue and white. This was the first year the classes have had the choice of slipover sweaters as well as the coat style.

Among their many activities were going to see the Globetrotters and sponsoring a dance.

ROW 1: Barbara Stahler, Averill Thompson, Virginia Smith, Margie Young, Shirley Piskor, Sharon Prusinski, Barbara Smith, Noelita Roessing, Bennett Thornton. ROW 2: Kathleen Schwab, Ruth Todd, Susan Strucker, Judith Van Cleave, Anne Marie Schmidt, Pat Winrotte, Edna Price, Arlene Williams, Richard Snodgrass. ROW 3: Terry Sadler, Alan Olson, David Wolfe, Charles Yester, Jack Tonk, Bill Woods, Tommy Welches. ROW 4: Mr. Englehart, John O'Connor, Cordell Schmidt, Donald Szklarski, Frank Virilla, Don Bartos, Robert Schuck, Art Richa, John Senko.

ROW 1: Sandra Eckert, Lois Broadaway, Suzanne Black, Donna Gust, Connie Peruts, Glenda Croley, Carol Bastian, Mary Cunningham. ROW 2: Jo Ann Keaton, Karen Blocker, Beverly Danford, Sara Davis, Donna Roos, Joan Canter, Patricia Calhoun, Janet Giertz. ROW 3: Ralph Backe, Jim Elsner, Garry Clements, Jon Coster, Steve Franko, Wesley DeYoung. ROW 4: Mrs. Bothwell, Robert Cook, Richard Casassa, Don Maddock, Peter Gransinger, Walter Ashton, Bob Smith, Jack Brennan, Larry Giacomino.

ROW 1: Nancy Hilbrich, Lucy Minnitti, Carol Horst, Suzie Linkhart, Nancy Morrow, Joyce Lewis, Pat Pudlow, Janice Mascher. ROW 2: Bonnie Nix, Sharon Kelly, Bonnie Johnson, Eleanor Harger, Gerrie Halfman, Pat Halsted, Judy Mascher, Kay McCracken. ROW 3: John Johnson, John Nemeth, John Hasley, Bob Minnitti, Dick Knauer, Tom Monfort, Bob Meyers, Richard Musitelli, Don Lunsford. ROW 4: Tom Lemaich, Dave Metcalf, Denny Madera, Larry Halfman, Norbert Szklarski, Guy Mead, Jim Lowe, Glen Hull, Mr. Motts, Joanne Keaton (not shown).

ROW 1: Nancy Johnston, Carol Day, Beverly Wells, Venetia Shadwell, Faye Burrage, Karin Rimer, Shirlee Shepitka, Phyllis Fudge, Marlene Melle. ROW 2: Eunice Halsted, Judy Orrell, Catherine Rastovski, Mary Peterson, Laura Midgett, Renee Halsted, Janet Bonick, Janet Dean, Claire Shoup. ROW 3: Alan McFadden, Robert Gabor, Sharon Clodfelter, Sharon Evers, Beverly Purkey, Betty Brown, Elinore Gabor, Peggy Horner. ROW 4: Delbert Deuberry, Kenneth Miller, Dennis O'Brian, Glen Christiansen, George Feszko, Robert Cockrum, Joe Barbercheck. ROW 5: Don Razus, Ray Sullivan, James King, Robert Jennings, Robert Scott, Richard Harbit, Clifford Fortier, Harold Byerly, Mr. Meltzer.

ROW 1: Janice Sobat, Treasurer; Beverly Brechner, Secretary; Bryant Matthews, President; Tim Doyle, Vice-President. ROW 2: Mr. Stuart, Mrs. Racosky, Miss Workman, Miss Wheeler.

Green Beanies.

The class of '58 began their high school career with an enrollment of 141 stunned, but willing to learn, students. A lot of thought and care was exercised in electing the following officers to lead them in their activities and help them get off on the right foot in high school: Bryant Matthews, President; Tim Doyle, Vice-President; Beverly Brechner, Secretary; and Janice Sobat, Treasurer. These officers had the able assistance of their sponsors; Miss Workman, Mrs. Racosky, Miss Wheeler, and Mr. Stuart.

Riverview and a skating party were voted upon as the class activities for the year.

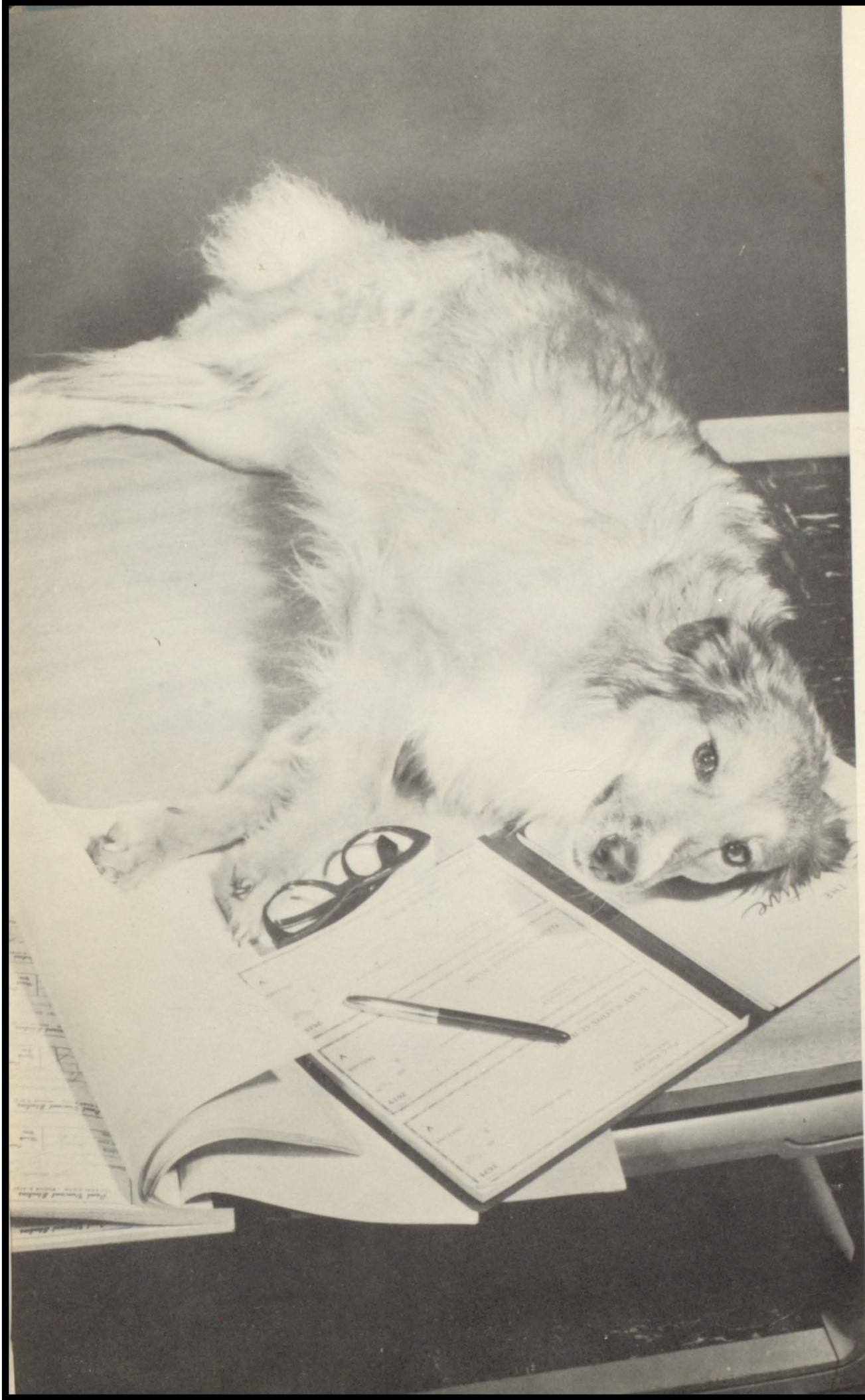
Some of this year's freshmen had a little bit of trouble evading the Seniors, who were eager to initiate them. They made it through fine, and will become next year's Sophomores.

ROW 1: Susan Frank, Ida Dispennett, Irene Brannum, Mary Anne Ash, Annabelle Fernadez, Mary Anne Broadway, Vivian Bali, Beverly Brechner, Karen Bogan, Judy Angerman. ROW 2: Barbara Eckstrom, Carol Bodamer, Lareli Dueberry, Verla Bardwell, Carolyn Eich, Marilyn Danials, Sue Ellen Anstack, Ardith Becker, Dawn Angerman, Wilda Ashton, Marilyn Engstrom. ROW 3: Bob Danford, Robert Berger, Tim Doyle, Donald Dowdy. ROW 4: Mrs. Racosky, Dalford King, Chester Chentnik, Joe Adler, Darrell Clawson, James Cozmanoff, Bill Fratzke, Kenny Benson, Larry Baessler, Bill Bailey.

ROW 1: Judy Lollis, Sharon Holderman, Beverly Hansen, Judy Kwasney, Gail Monroe, Margaret Hampton, Judy Goodrich, Darlene Hunter, Marge Held. ROW 2: Jo Ellen Groya, Lois Klingaman, Marilyn Guse, Mary Lonsbury, Mary Anne Koeing, Karen High, Betty Grimes, Lindy Hoskin. ROW 3: Jack Kitchel, Joe Gavelek, Charles Hein, David Jenks, Pat Lavery, Robin Gildersleeve, Donald Henderson, Douglas Kent. ROW 4: Tom Gilrowski, Gary Harding, Frank Hagerty, Richard Lewis, Allan Killion, Ronnie Jadynak, Lyle Hill, Jerry Gies, Jack Gordon, Mr. Stuart. Not pictured, Vicky Lahaie.

ROW 1: Beverly Wencl, Ellen Wise, Janet Wagoner, Bonnie Showalterbaugh, Becky Sumner, Norma Stringham, Kathleen Scheub, Sharon Witham, Glennys Wright, Pat Soohey. ROW 2: Barbara Webb, Catherine Tancos, Sandra Sadler, Nancy Vlasic, Carole Timmons, Janice Sobat, Mary Ann Wallace, Elaine Vrehas, Dorothy Staley, Beverly Wallace. ROW 3: John Shapley, Richard Vlasic, Ronald Sherrington, Richard Witham, Jack Stout, Larry Yurko, Larry Temple, Bill Sukel, Mike Willfond. ROW 4: Miss Workman, James Schulte, Henry Wegman, Robert Vickroy, Joe Tomasic, Austin Wade, Joe Shapley, Richard Zuccolotto, David Wilburn, Tom Talbott.

ROW 1: Carole McLean, Delphus Rainwater, Patty Rastovski, Dixie Rastovski, Lea Rae Rosenbalm, Alice Meiselbar, Geraldine Primich, Judy Pritchard, Judy Miller. ROW 2: Bill Niles, Bryant Matthews, Clifford Massey, Terry Riddle, Joanne Mandley, Lynne Melat, Joan Neff, Karen Milobar, Kathleen McDowell, Susan McGrann. ROW 3: Miss Wheeler, Larry Melle, Chuck Miller, Steve Mandula, Ronnie Pessmeg, Bill Mandly, Jerry Massengill, Aaron Macy, Doug Mays.



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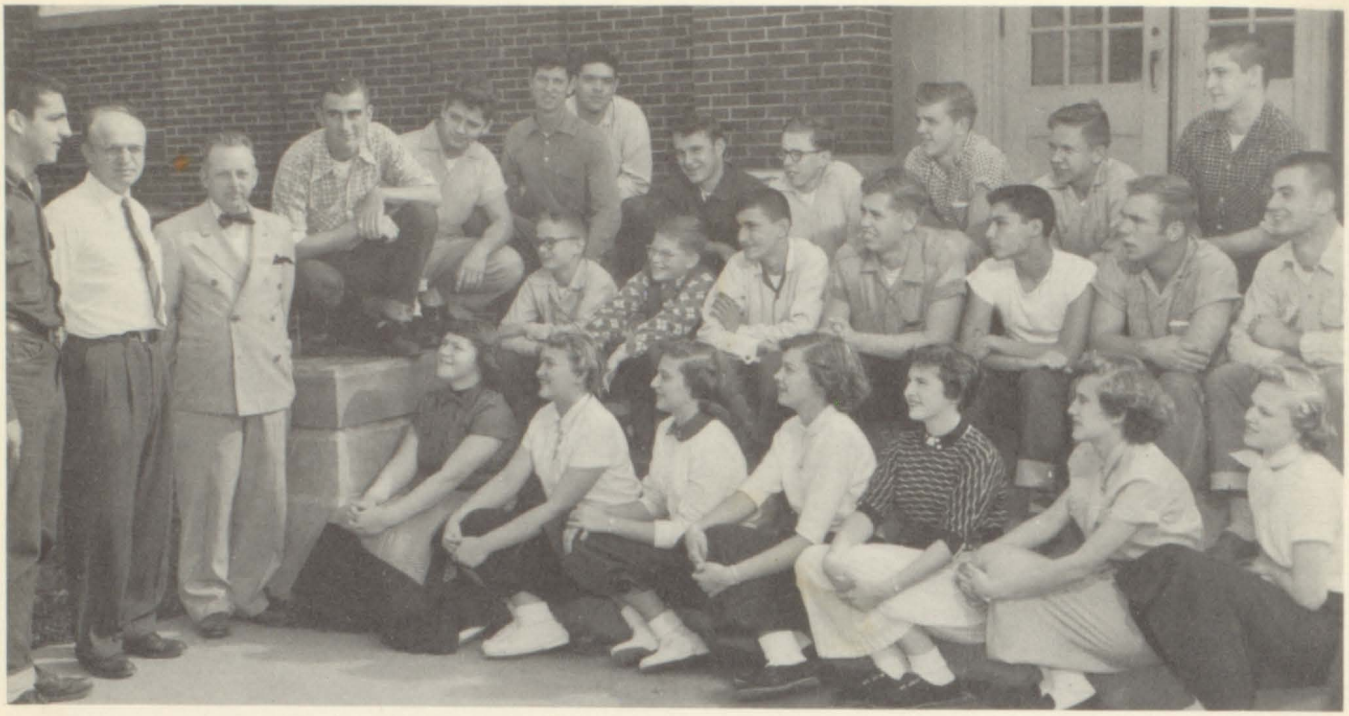


ROW 1: Wilda Ashton, Nina Hurlburt, Caroln Jenkins, Jeaninne Jevicks, Renee Halstead, JoAnn Davids, Nancy Appleton. ROW 2: Bob Burger, Tim Doyle, Bryant Matthews, Cosmos Smith, Tom Gilrowski, Paul Patton, Steve Ratajec. ROW 3: Richard Harbit, Bill Nichols, Wenzel Wegman, John Senko, Tom Kokinda. Kneeling: David Cain, Bob Frank, Joe Douthett, Bill Craig. Standing: Bob Covaciu, Mr. Motts, Mr. Miller.

Student Council

The Student Council of "54-55" agian supplied the school with many worthwhile programs. The dances after games and for special events were enlivened by a complete selection of new records which were purchased by the Council.

The ushers for the concert and the Education Week program were chosen by the club. As the Christmas holidays grew near, it was the Student Council again who added the festive touch by presenting treats and decorating the Christmas trees placed in the halls.

Rounding out the year's end of activity, the Student Council sponsored the annual Athletic Ball and also the Athletic Banquet.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Miller, Sponsor; Mr. Motts, Sponsor; Jeannine Jevicks, Vice-President; Bob Covaciu, President; Nancy Appleton, Treasurer; JoAnn Davids, Secretary.

ROW 1: Marilyn Guse, Gerry Primich, Vivan Bali, Margaret Sheets, Beth Burton, Bob Frank. ROW 2: Mr. Beasley, Virginia Reid, Julie Harlow, LuElla Bardwell, Beverly Wells, Bonnie Felter, Don Fedorchak, Sharon Gruel.

Speech Club

The main purpose of the Speech Club is to further develop better speakers and citizens of tomorrow.

Under the direction of Mr. Beasley, the highlights of the year have been: Student Legislative Congress at Lew Wallace High School, student debates and Legislatures at Purdue University where members spent the night and had a very enjoyable time.

Debates were given between members and the biggest event was the dance.

Another big event that everyone looked forward to was Citation Day when pins, sweaters, trophies, and citations were given to those who participated in the different activities of the club.

Left to right: Bonnie Felter, Point Chairman; Virginia Reid, Vice-President; Julie Harlow, Secretary; LuElla Bardwell, Treasurer; Mr. Beasley, Sponsor; Bob Frank, President.

ROW 1: J. Clark, P. Lewis, N. Jenkins, L. Kros, J. Jevicks, B. Wilburn, B. Macy, M. Schreiber, B. Felter, V. Reid. ROW 2: D. Hickman, S. Marshall, N. Appleton, J. Davids, P. Berrier, D. Wallace, D. Taylor, N. Herr, J. Soohey, J. K. Meyer, N. Hurlburt, D. Hornak, E. Larimer. ROW 3: A. Leggit, M. Wielgus, M. L. Lawerence, A. Maihofer, C. Hunter, S. Hurlburt, B. Yester, M. Loyce, D. Marando, P. Woods, D. Rose, J. Jewell, G. Griffin, S. Sievert, V. Massengill, C. Jenkins. ROW 4: W. Stowers, M. Tyler, J. Kros, C. Jandura, J. Frank, M. Melat, J. Shannon, N. Peterson, P. Lowell, J. Wojohn, C. Guernsey, B. Van Blair, S. Reichanadter, N. Frazure, J. Showalterbaugh. ROW 5: C. Crow, E. Blacka, Mrs. Hobbs, N. Jones, C. Simms, N. Karlee, B. Shawver, C. Luebcke, B. Held, D. Stringham, S. Luebcke, P. Severance, I. Sumurdy, K. Nelson, M. Johnson, J. Fitzgerald, Miss Wheeler, J. Mandly, J. Johnson, A. Kopscick, C. DeVries.

Girls' Sports

Kneeling: Bonnie Felter, Vice-President; Nancy Appleton, President. Standing: Joanne Wojahn, Secretary; Virginia Massengill, Sergeant-at-arms; Dottie Stringham, Sergeant-at-arms; Juanita Davis, Reporter; Nancy Peterson, Treasurer; Miss Wheeler, Sponsor; Mrs. Hobbs, Sponsor.

ROW 1: B. Nix, J. Sobat, C. Timmons, J. Lewis, D. Angerman, L. Rosenbaum, E. Wise, L. Minniti, M. Broadway, W. Aston, E. Vrehas, A. Schmidt. ROW 2: M. Held, B. Brechner, L. Melat, C. Tancos, D. Hunter, A. Meiselbar, J. Goodrich, M. Walace, K. Schwab, N. Roessing, P. Fudge, S. Frank. ROW 3: J. Mascher, K. Bogan, S. Evers, S. Pursinski, J. Keaton, S. Linkhart, G. Wright, J. Kwasney, C. Shoupe, G. Primich, V. Bali, S. Sadler, V. Bardwell. ROW 4: G. Smith, S. Holderman, J. Pritchard, C. Horst, B. Purkey, K. Rimer, K. McCracken, M. Lonsbury, M. Guse, E. Halsted, K. Milobar, J. Vancleave. ROW 5: S. Anstack, B. Smith, L. Midgett, A. Thompson, M. Young, F. Burrage, N. Hillbrich, S. Witham, B. Wencl, S. Davis, E. Gahnor, M. Melle. ROW 6: J. Mandly, B. Wells, N. Stringham, C. Rostowski, P. Pudlow, M. Peterson, S. Piskor, D. Roos, P. Soohey, D. Rainwater, J. Giertz, M. Engstrom, J. Angerman. ROW 7: A. Becker, J. Neff, D. Gust, R. Halsted, I. Brennen, J. Miller, B. Wallace, I. Dispendit, B. Grimes, P. Horner, J. Masher. ROW 8: B. Sumners, L. Lollis, B. Stahler, S. Black, N. Morrow, Sponsors: Miss Wheeler, Mrs. Hobbs.

Girls' Athletic Association

The year of 1954-55 was successful under the leadership of their sponsors, Miss Wheeler, Mrs. Hobbs, Mrs. Weldy, and their officers.

This season's events opened with an initiation where the initiates dressed as people and animals of the circus. This was followed by a very successful skating party, January 11th, at Oak Ridge skating rink.

The most important event was the Sadie Hawkins Dance where the girls asked the boys. Little Abner and Daisey Mae were chosen and were married later in the evening.

New officers were chosen and later installed at their annual banquet, this year held at Tiebels. Awards were given to those who had enough points.

Basketball and volleyball teams were organized and they had their annual tournament at the end of the season.

At the close of the year, we found the final activity an outing. This proved to be as successful as all the other events.

Standing: Joe Douthett, President. ROW 1: Joe Gazelek, Richard Witham, Tom Welches. ROW 2: Mr. Stuart John O'Conner, Cordell Schmidt, Al DeYoung, Bob Cockrum, Ron Pessmeg. ROW 3: Henry Cook, Tom Sokol, De Lipke, Loren Thompson, Don Harger, John Hartsock, Richard Sadler, Carlie Gernanz, Bill Sanders, Don Meyers.

Future Farmers of America

The Merrillville chapter of the Future Farmers of America started off the year very successfully with the following officers: President, Joe Douthett; Vice-President, Bill Sanders; Secretary, De Lipke; Treasurer, John O' Conner; Reporter, Don Meyer; Sentinel, Don Harger; Adviser, Mr. Stuart.

To start off the year, they held their annual Farmer's Ball, which was very successful. Also in the fall of the year, the officers attended the Officers Training School. Throughout the year, the members attended various district meetings. Along in the early spring, they attended the State Convention at Purdue University and stayed one day and one night.

Their main money making project of the year was checking coats at the dances.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Stuart, Sponsor; Joe Douthett, President; Don Harger, Sergeant-at-arms; Don Meyers, Reporter; Bill Sanders, Vice President; John O'Connor, Treasurer; De Lipke, Secretary.

ROW 1: M. Vereb, D. Staley, L. Melat, J. Neff, C. Timmons, J. Sobat, B. Brechner, M. Held, S. Anstak, N. Stringham, P. Soohey, D. Rainwater, A. Fernandez, J. Jevicks. ROW 2: B. Yester, J. Frank, M. Melat, J. Shannon, N. Peterson, B. Burton, J. Giertz, S. Clodfelter, N. Vlasic, V. Bardwell, N. Jenkins, L. Kros, D. Hickman, C. Hunter, P. Lewis, B. Wilburn. ROW 3: L. Klingaman, B. Webb, S. Reichanadter, J. Surowiec, B. Macy, D. Marando, P. Woods, G. Croley, S. Shepitka, C. Guernsey, J. Johnson, J. Mandly, A. Kopsick, S. Marshall, J. K. Meyer, C. Jenkins, V. Massengill. ROW 4: Mrs. Thomas, J. Halsted, W. Stowers, M. Shrieber, J. A. Meyer, W. Frogge, C. DeVries, K. Thompson, T. Cockran, N. Herr, N. Herron, S. Sievert, S. Davis, J. Kros, J. Pritchard, B. Sumner, J. Mandly, S. Holderman, J. Lollis, P. Fudge, P. Severance, S. Luebcke, Mrs. Racosky.

Future Homemakers Of America

The Future Homemakers of America and their sponsors, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Racosky, had a very busy year. Initiation services, both formal and informal, were held in the library and at the fairgrounds.

District Fall and Spring Conventions were held at Warsaw and at Elkhart, Indiana. The Merrillville club installed the Crown Point chapter last fall, making them an active club. For a bit of Christmas cheer, the girls went caroling at the Old Folks Home and took baskets of fruit, cookies and candies.

As money making projects they sponsored a dance and had several bake sales. Mothers were invited to the Spring Installation Service for the new officers. Ending the year there was a State Convention at the Indiana State Teachers College.

ROW 1: Anna Marie Kopsick, Parliamentarian; Jeannine Jevicks, President; Marlene Melat, Secretary; Shirley Shepitka, Song Leader; Beth Wilburn, Vice-President. ROW 2: Virginia Massengill and Carol Hunter, Sergeants-at-Arms; Joyce Shannon, Reporter; Jill Frank, Treasurer; Nancy Peterson, Historian; Janet Halsted, Assistant Historian; Mrs. Racosky, Mrs. Thomas, Sponsors.

ROW 1: M. Engstrom, J. Dean, B. Essick, E. Larimer, K. Scheub, B. Johnson, J. Hockstra, S. Schiesser, J. Shelhart, B. Staller, K. Blocker. ROW 2: J. Angerman, D. Angerman, W. Ashton, J. K. Meyer, L. Minniti, B. Smith, N. Hurlburt, B. Nix, B. Purkey, R. Halstead, C. Shoup, V. Reid, J. Orrell, M. Tyler. ROW 3: K. Schwab, I. Dispennett, B. Grimes, S. Seivert, S. Black, S. Prusinski, G. Smith, C. Purets, G. Wright. ROW 4: S. Stucker, P. Halstead, E. Harger, R. Todd, C. Horst, D. Gust, S. Linkhart, N. Morrow, K. McDowell. ROW 5: Mrs. Bovard, P. Horner, J. Wojahn, J. Surowiec, D. Rose, J. Van Cleave, K. Rimer, K. McCracken, M. Vereb, M. Young, S. Evers, D. Roos, J Keaton, S. Piskor, M. Johnson, J. Soohey, J. Jewell, I. Surmurdy. ROW 6: N. Frazure, M. Weilgus, G. Crowley, S. Frank, B. Showalterbaugh, R. Freidrich, J. Halstead, M. Loyce, P. Lowell. ROW 7: A. Becker, K. Bogan, J. Showalterbaugh, C. Day, G. Griffin, P. Severance, T. Cochran, V. Shadwell, N. Johnston, J. Mandly, A. Maihofer, J. Kwasny, S. McGrann, B. Wells, J. Welches, S. Clodfelter, S. Sheptika, S. Meyer, G. Glipp, F. Burrage. ROW 8: B. Brown, S. Kelly, K. Thompson, A. Kopsick, J. Johnson, J. Halstead, S. Luebke, S. Witham, E. Halstead, B. Wencl, B. Held. ROW 9: N. Jones, N. Karrle, C. Simms, D. Stringham, C. Luebke, L. Wencl.

Sunshine Society

Through this past year, the Sunshine Society has done many things for the community as well as for the club. Their activities included: formal and informal initiation at the Crown Point Fair grounds, caroling at the Methodist Hospital during the Christmas Season, dressing dolls and giving toys to the Salvation Army, spring party for the teachers and mothers, a chili supper before a basketball game, and co-sponsor for the Christmas Dance.

Their motto is "Others", and their club song is "My Sunshine Girl."

Marilyn Weilgus, Treasurer; Jane Halsted, Corresponding Secretary; Nina Hurlburt, President; Shirley Sheptika, Recording Secretary; Judy Showalterbaugh, Vice-President; Mrs. Bovard, Sponsor.

ROW 1: D. Fleming, T. Sokol, J. Elsner, G. Smith, R. Niles, B. Nickols, J. O'Conner, B. Griffin, R. Jeffery, Mr. Pruitt, B. Jeffery. ROW 2: L. Broadaway, M. Lonsbury, J. Wagner, K. Scheub, B. Smith, M. Peterson, L. Minniti, S. Gruel, B. Felter, S. Razus. ROW 3: J. King, J. Hartsock, J. Soohey, N. Hurlburt, J. Kros, L. Midgett, K. Oest, J. Cook, D. Jones. ROW 4: D. Lipke, J. Coster, D. Mriscin, J. Coster, P. Patton, R. Yurko, J. Kraft, B. Vickroy, F. Perez, D. Lollis, D. Lancaster. ROW 5: B. Sanders, G. Clements, K. Baily, D. Maihofer, B. McDowell, R. Velasco, L. Kitchell, J. Predaina, T. Gill, P. Olovich. ROW 6: J. Newcomb, V. Monzulla, C. Chetnik, R. Halfman, R. Purcell, B. Jennings, B. Buhr, N. Szklarski, A. Cole, B. Stringham, C. Ashton, J. Gildersleeve, R. Sadler, R. Frankovich, R. Jeffery.

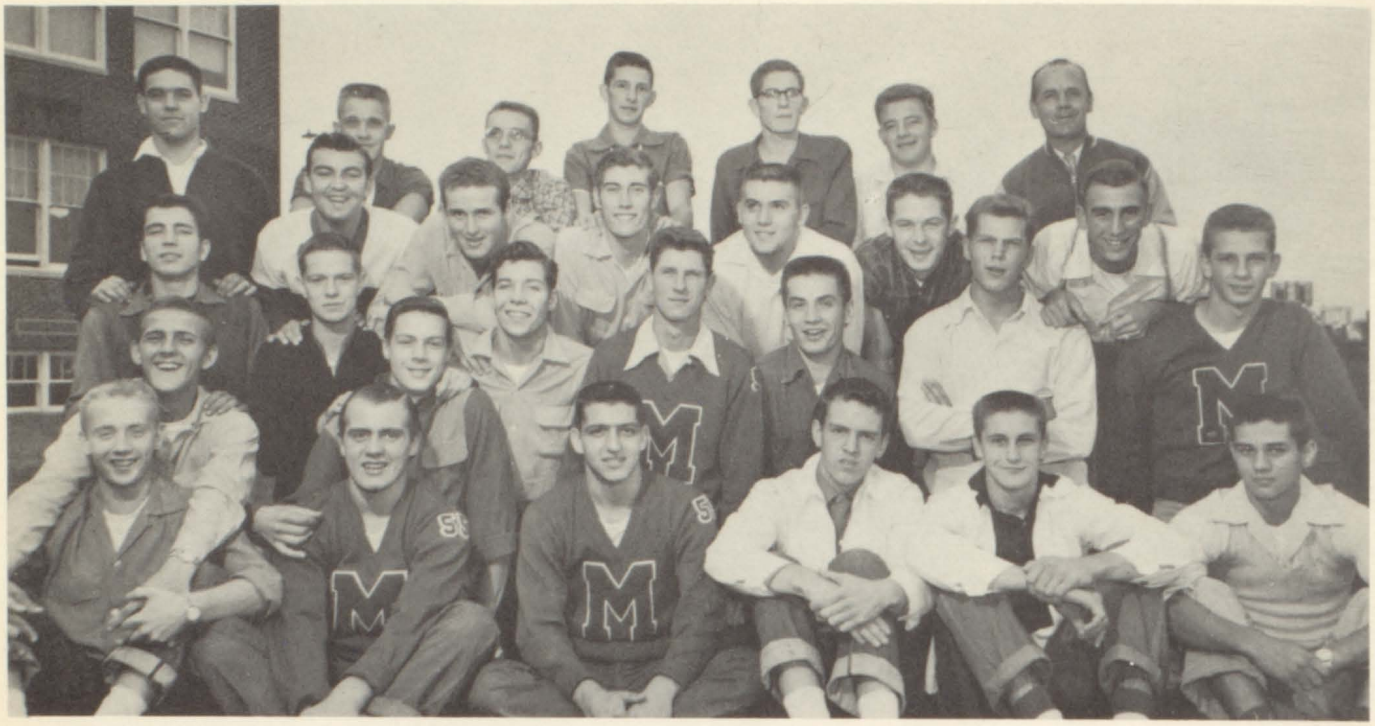
Camera Club

As the Camera Club reached its tenth year in existence, it has become the largest in the Merrillville Camera Club history.

Under the able leadership of their sponsor, Mr. Frank Pruitt, they were taught how to take life-like pictures, develop films, and enlarge their prints. Many school events were photographed by our up and coming photographers.

One of the activities of the Camera Club was sponsoring a dance which proved to be a great success.

Ralph Jeffery, Vice-President; Mr. Pruitt, Sponsor; Shirlee Razus, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Jeffery, President.



ROW 1: J. McCracken, J. Pierce, B. Covaciu, T. Mayer, T. Kokinda, L. Lavery. ROW 2: J. Chetnik, W. Engstrom, J. Davies, B. Jeffery, J. Douthett, S. Ratajec, L. Golkowski, J. Randall. ROW 3: C. Leffert, L. Nemeth, M. Lunsford, D. Lehman, B. Layman, J. Powers, D. Cain. ROW 4: B. Craig, V. Blomily, D. Poling, D. Hatten, K. Metcalf, C. Killion, Coach Englehart.

Lettermans Club

Letterman's club is a club representing all athletics at Merrillville High. The sponsor is Coach Englehart.

They had a very successful year; they held a dance after the Portage Football game. According to tradition they gave a trophy to each Senior cheerleader. They do this to show that they have done a good job. They also gave trophies to the best athlete of each sport. They sold brooms to have money to help do all these things.

Every year the basketball players and the senior members go to the State Finals at Indianapolis. This year they also picked their jackets, which were white and purple.

Bill Craig, President; Dick Poling, Historian; Larry Nemeth, Secretary; Ken Metcalf, Vice-President; Larry Golkowski, Treasurer; Don Hatten, Reporter; Coach Englehart, Sponsor.

ROW 1: J. King, J Coster, G. Smith, J. King, B. Henderson, P. Patton. ROW 2: K. Bailey, P. Olovich, B. Benson, J. Dugle, D. Cain, E. Minnich, J. Ray, C. Ashton. ROW 3: K. Oest, F. Perez, R. Sadler, J. Gildersleeve, A. Dewell, F. Ogan, W. Engstrom, D. Lollis. ROW 4: Mr. Semokaitis, R. Niles, J. McCracken, D. Stoltz, B. Halfman, D. Maihofer, D. Lancaster, P. Fisher, R. Barbercheck, D. Jones, R. Jeffery. ROW 5: C. Killion, L. Kitchell, D. Bateman, D. Mircisin, J. Backe, L. Thompson, D. Dondanville, T. Kokinda, B. Craig. ROW 6: R. Dondanville, R. Yurko, C. Leffert, J. Powers, J. Elkins, D. Lehman, D. Black, J. Pierce, B. Covaciu. ROW 7: L. Nemeth, R. Frankovich, D. Poling, M. Lunsford, J. Newcomb. B. McDowell, J. Kraft, A. Cole, K. Metcalf, D. Hatten, L. Golkowski, T. Mayer, D. Lecik, B. DePew, R. Purcell, J. Randall, J. Chentnik, S. Ratajec.

Senior Hi-Y

The Senior Hi-Y had a very successful year. The goal of this club is to try to make others happy.

One of the activities during the past year was the dance they held right after the first basketball game. One thing that they do every year is add names to the service plaque. They also sell concessions at the football games. But, the biggest success of all was their Christmas dance. This year the G. A. A. and S. S. S. Club went in with them. They hope to make it even better in the years to come.

They gave toys to the needy kids at Christmas, and, last, but not least, they held a banquet.

Mr. Semokaitis, Sponsor; Kenny Metcalf, Reporter; Warren Engstrom, Sergeant-at-arms; Bill Craig, Chaplain; Dick Poling, Vice-President; Larry Nemeth, Secretary; Steve Ratajec, President; Bob Covaciu, Treasurer.

ROW 1: C. Yester, B. Woods, G. Fezko, S. Franko, D. Knauer, J. Coster, B. Gabor, J. Brennan, J. Elsner, H. Byerly. ROW 2: B. Thornton, D. Dueberry, C. Shmidt, T. Montfort, G. Hull, J. Hasley, T. Welches, B. Meyer, D. Maddock, J. Nemeth. ROW 3: W. Sukel, J. Johnson, G. Christensen, W. Ashton, T. Sadler, J. Tonk, G. Clements, A. Olson, R. Snodgrass. ROW 4: J. O'Conner, T. Lemaich, D. O'Brien, A. McFadden, J. Lowe, B. Minitti, J. Giacomino, B. Scott. ROW 5: R. Backe, R. Cassasa, B. Cook, J. Senko, D. Madera, C. Fortier, G. Mead, P. Gransinger, D. Metcalf. ROW 6: R. Sullivan, D. Szkarski, D. Lunsford, D. Bartos, F. Varela, N. Szkarski, D. Razus, J. King, Mr. Demaree.

Junior Hi-Y

The Junior Hi-Y started off their year with a trip to Chicago to watch the Chicago Bears meet the Los Angeles Rams at football.

As in past years the club, under the direction of Mr. Demaree, sponsored an enjoyable Hobo Dance in November. A sports night, to the boy's delight, was also given by the Junior Hi-Y. In January the club made a successful campaign against bad sportsmanship.

April was the month the mothers were remembered with a tea at school. Their annual picnic was held in May in the Dunes State Park.

On Citiation Day the Junior Hi-Y gave four trophies to the basketball and football players whom the club considered the most valuable to their teams. Sideline markers were the annual gift the club gave to the school as a very active and enjoyable year ended.

Coach Demaree, Sponsor; Rich Harbit, President; Bob Cook, Sergeant-at-arms; Tom Monfort, Secretary; Harold Byerly, Treasurer.

ROW 1: D. Mayes, R. Witham, S. Mandula, L. Yurko, R. Gildersleeve, J. Gordon, C. Massey, D. King, L. Melly, L. Hill. ROW 2: J. Kitchell, B. Berger, B. Mathews, B. Fratzke, J. Cosmonoff, P. Lavery, K. Benson, B. Niles, B. Danford, D. Wilburn, R. Zuccolotto. ROW 3: T. Gilrowski, T. Doyle, D. Kent, L. Temple, T. Talbot, T. Riddle, R. Lewis, J. Massengill. ROW 4: J. Shapley, L. Baesler, J. Shapley, R. Pesmeg, G. Harding, A. Killion, J. Tomasic, F. Hagerty, H. Wegman. ROW 5: Mr. Bovard, B. Vickroy, D. Clossin, G. Wade, B. Mandly, C. Miller.

Freshman Hi-Y

The Freshman Hi-Y is one of the newest additions to Merrillville's extra-curricular activities. This club under the sponsorship of Mr. Bovard has 36 members. The objective of this club is to give the freshman boys an idea of how clubs operate. It also is to interest the boys in doing things as a group.

This year the club sponsored the dance on the 29th of January. They also visited the Motor Show in Chicago.

Bill Fratzke, Vice-President; Bob Vickroy, Treasurer; Tim Doyle, President; Mr. Bovard, Sponsor; Bryant Mathews, Sergeant-at-arms; Larry Yurko, Secretary.

SITTING FRONT: R. Velasco, J. Tonk, G. Fezsko, J. Wallace, D. Meyer, T. Doyle. ROW 1: N. Frazure, M. Weilgus, B. Burton, S. Eckert, B. Wells, M. Sheets, B. Meyer. ROW 2: Standing addressing group: Bill Nichols, Seated: J. Coster, G. Clements, B. Scott, G. Christiansen, B. Gabor, J. Hasley. ROW 3: W. Horner, D. Fedorchak, C. Fortier, K. Miller, T. Jursic, R. Vlasic, D. Szklarske. ROW 4: Mr. Motts, Sponsor; R. Halfman, L. Horner, D. Bodkin, L. Thompson, J. Cook, D. Dondanville, B. Benson, D. Lunsford, A. Richa, L. Lape, B. Stringham.

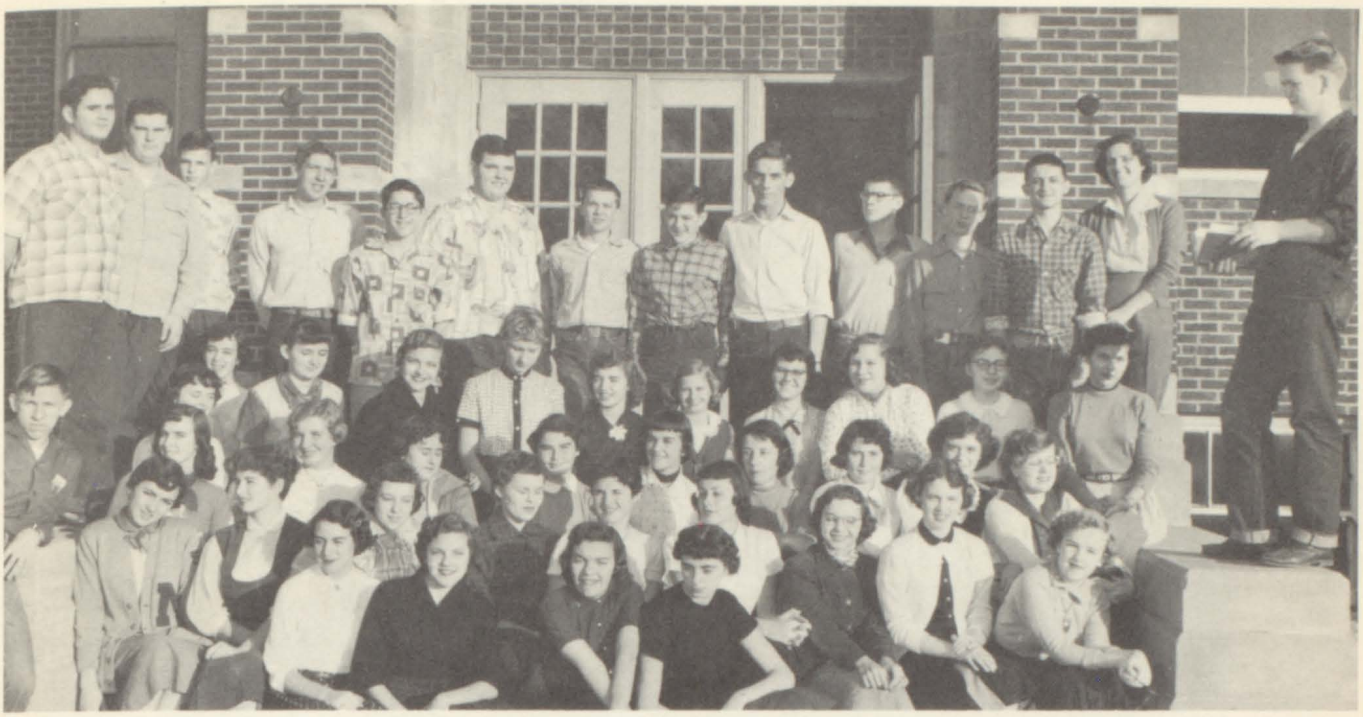
Science Club

The goal of the Science Club, which members try to reach, is to better understand people by working out some individual science project.

The Science Club this year enjoyed one of its most active years. The thirty-nine members took a trip to the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company and to the Inland Steel Mill.

The Science Fair, a highlighted activity, was one of the events which took place during the past year. At this fair the members of the club, along with students from several other schools, exhibited their projects which they worked out through the past year to compete for awards. The club sponsored one of the first dances this year which was very successful.

Mr. Motts, Sponsor; Bob Benson, Vice-President; Bill Nichols, President; Jerry Komp, Secretary-Treasurer.



ROW 1: M. Tyler, J. Mascher, J. Harlow, L. Bardwell. ROW 2: J. Senko (standing); S. Gruel, B. Felter, S. Linkhart, V. Smith, R. Halsted, S. Black, A. Williams, P. Winrotte, B. Burton. ROW 3: J. FitzGerald, B. Stahler, S. Piskor, D. Roos, D. Gust, N. Morrow, P. Lowell, S. Meyer, G. Klipp. ROW 4: L. Broadaway, J. Groza, S. Eckert, J. Mascher, P. Pudlow, S. Schiesser, A. Becker, J. Kwasny, S. Davis, S. McGrann, J. Soohey. ROW 5, (standing): R. Velasco, T. Jursic, B. Suke, J. Komp, R. Musitelli, J. Newcomb, A. Macy, B. Danford, K. Bailey, W. Ashton, T. Monfort, R. Yurko, Mrs. Collins, and B. Stringham. Not in Pictures: Richard Vlasic, Karen High.

Latin Club

Mu Lambda Xi is the newly formed Latin Club of Merrillville High School. Its purpose is to further interest in the classics, to learn to think of the Romans as real people with the same problems as we have today. It is affiliated with the Junior Classical League, a national organization of classical students.

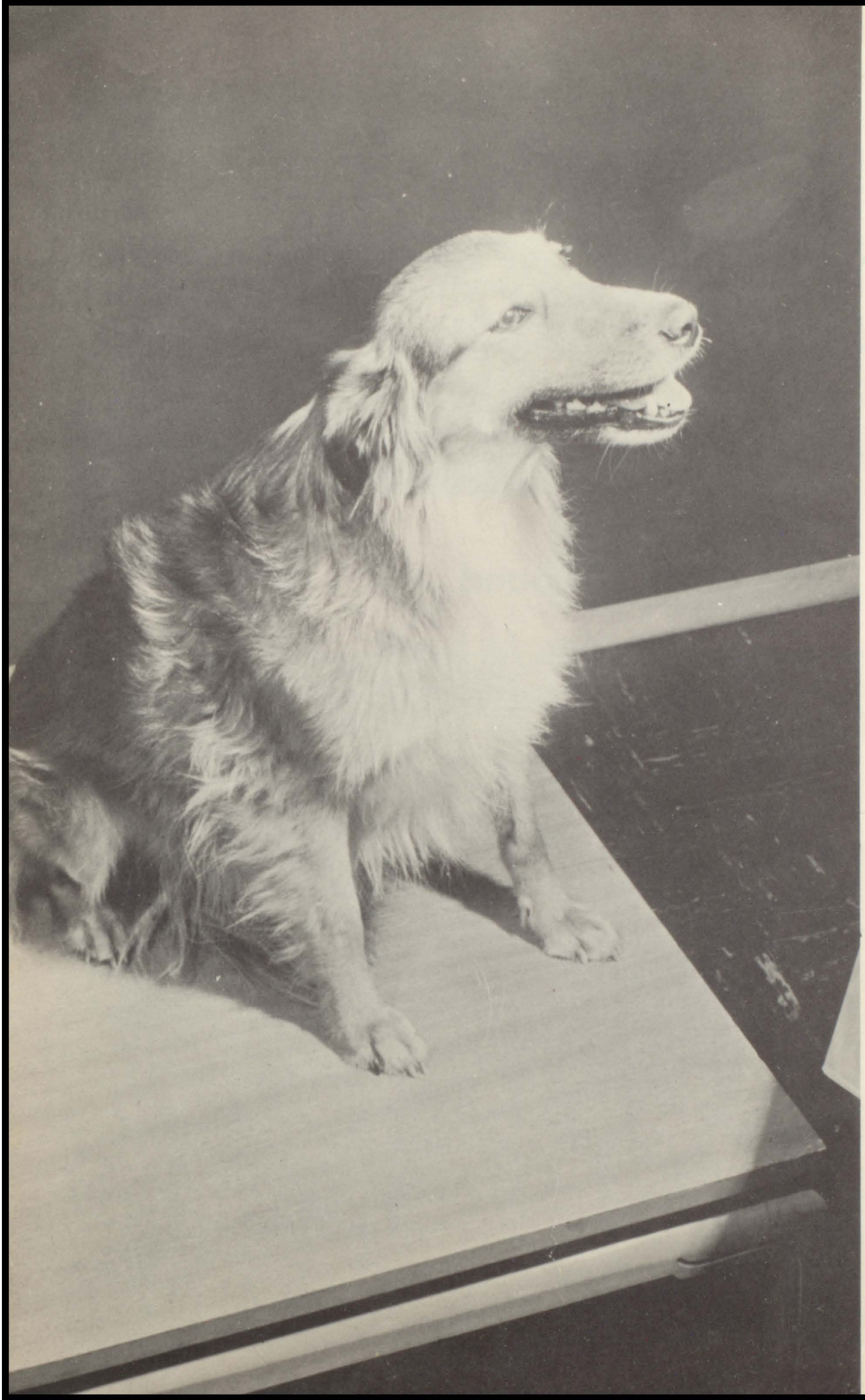
The climax of the year's activities was a Roman Banquet with all the extravagance of the ancient Romans. The other meetings of the year were divided between serious reports and pursuit of classic interests, and some parties following the lines of the ancient games and other past times of the Romans.

Jane Soohey, Aedile; Virginia Smith, Quaestor; Richard Yurko, Tribune; Bert Stringham, Consul Supremus; Mrs. Collins, Sponsor; Joanne FitzGerald, Secundus; Richard Vlasic, Tribune; Bill Sukel, Practor.

Pep Club

Cheerleaders

Cheering on the varsity teams this year were JoAnn Davids, Sue Cool, Joanne Wojahn, and Juanita Davis. The reserve teams were backed by Beverly Brechner, Kay McCracken, Carole Timmons, and Karin Rimer.



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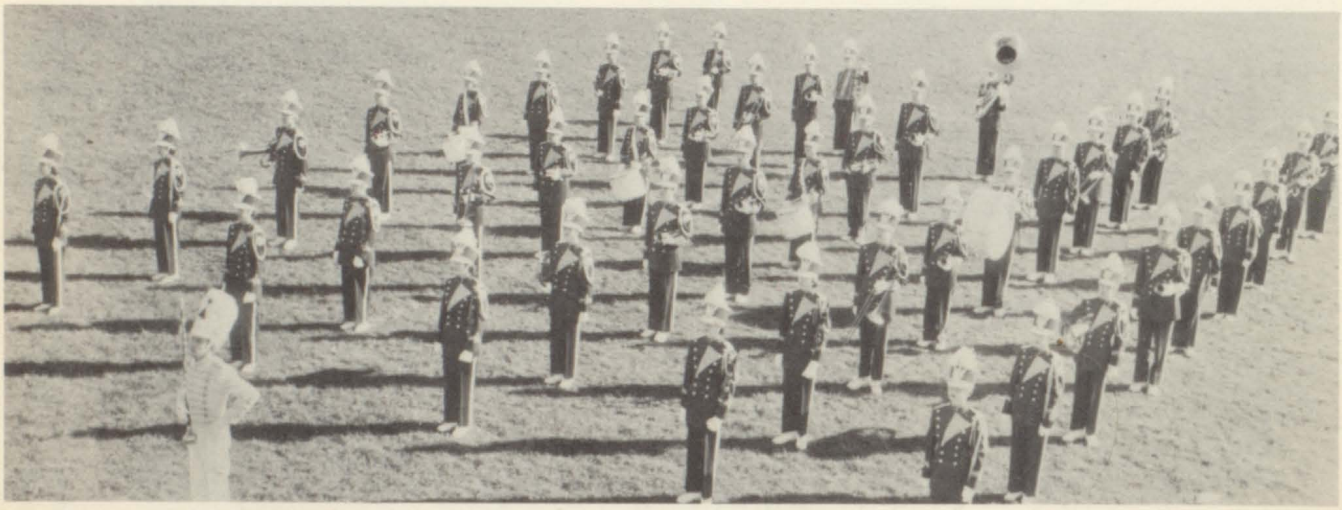
Band



"Jim King" -57"

This is the first year that Jim King has lead the band as Drum Major. He is very interested in music and has played the drums in the band for four years.

Band Members

ROW 1: B. Purkey, S. Evers, P. Berrier, B. Vickroy, J. Bonick, P. Horner, I. Sumurdy, N. Frazure. ROW 2: B. Sumner, P. Fleming, C. Ike, M. Neilie, C. Miller, R. Halsted, A. Schultz, C. Vickroy, N. Garwood, B. Kanuch, T. Doyle. ROW 3: B. Cochrum, P. Ballestaro, J. Mirando, H. Struble, H. Byerly, R. Zuccolotto, D. Mirscin, R. Harbit, C. Leffert, F. Perez, D. Cain, E. Gabor, C. Simms. ROW 4: J. Cosmonoff, K. Miolabar, J. Lehman, L. Yaros, L. Temple, B. Gabor, J. King, K. Miller, S. Clodfelter, P. Patton, C. Fortier, B. Vesco, D. Kent, L. Hill.

ROW 1: S. Shepitka, S. Cool, K. Rostowski, M. Peterson, N. Johnson, D. Marando, B. Essick, C. Day, J. Cockram, B. Hornak, E. Grant, D. Rainwater, J. Orrell, C. Shoup, E. Halsted, M. Engstrom, V. Shadwell. ROW 2: B. Brown, M. Price, B. Wilburn, F. Burrage, J. Halsted, S. Razus, K. Rimer, A. Maihofer, E. Larimer, J. Dean, J. Jevicks, S. Clodfelter, P. Severance, P. Fudge, B. Hanson, L. Midgett, J. Meyer, N. Peterson. ROW 3: P. Patton, T. Gill, D. O'Brien, B. Scott, R. Lewis, D. Ashton, A. McFadden, D. Wilburn, R. Harbit, G. Christiansen, D. Dueberry, B. Niles. ROW 4: R. Frankovich, R. Poling, R. Niles, S. Ratajec, J. Chentnik, J. Douthett, B. DePew, B. McDowell, D. Clawson, J. Barbercheck, B. Jennings, D. Razus, J. Davis, R. Sullivan.

Choir

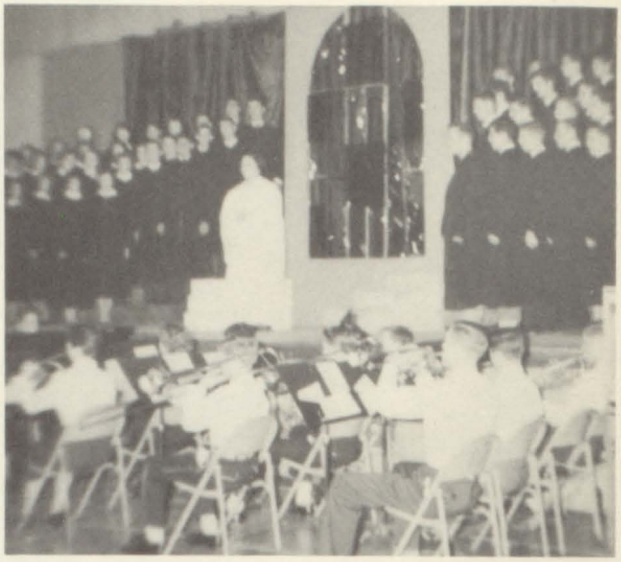
Karin Rimer, Assistant Librarian; Nancy Peterson, Secretary; Shirlee Razus, Librarian; Beth Wilburn, April Maihofer, Steve Ratajec, Paul Patton, Representatives.

ROW 1: A. Williams, D. Marando, N. Johnston, M. Loyce, G. Klipp, C. Day, K. McDowell, B. Hornak. ROW 2: M. Peterson, E. Vehas, E. Grant, S. Meyer, S. Sievert, B. VanBlair, P. Lowell, B. Macy, N. Herr. ROW 3: P. Fudge, S. Shepitka, K. Rimer, B. Showalterbaugh, J. Wagner, C. Luebcke, B. Johnson, J. Dean, D. Rose, J. Meyer. ROW 4: L. Midgett, B. Stahler, S. Clodfelder, J. Fitzgerald, C. McLean, E. Larimer, B. Held, B. Burton, K. Nelson, E. Blacka, B. Essick. ROW 5: K. Milobar, E. Gabor, P. Winrott, B. Hansen, J. Lewis, J. Halsted, J. Halsted, N. Jenkins, B. Brown, S. Razus, P. Lewis, B. Wilburn, S. Gruel, L. Kros, A. Schmidt, S. Kelly, W. Stowers.

Glee Club

Karin Rimer, Secretary; Beth Wilburn, President; Evelyn Grant, Vice-President; Carol McLean, Librarian.

Musical Highlights



Christmas Concert Scenes

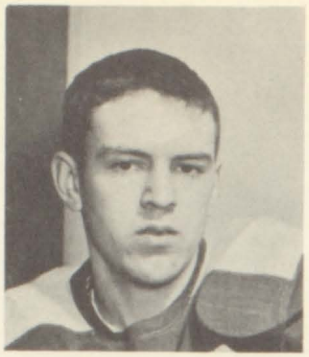
The Music Department completed a successful year under the supervision of Mr. Jeroould Reinhart, voice, and Mr. Frank Meltzer, instrumental.

The annual Christmas Concert featured the M.H.S. Concert Choir accompanied by a small group selected from the senior band.

The Mid-Winter Apreciation Concert, presenting the senior band and choir, was a great success. Selections were given from the operetta, The Student Prince. An art exhibit was also given.

A concert was given in the spring with the choir and band performing separately. Also this year the choir and the band participated in the state contest in Fort Wayne.

SPORTS



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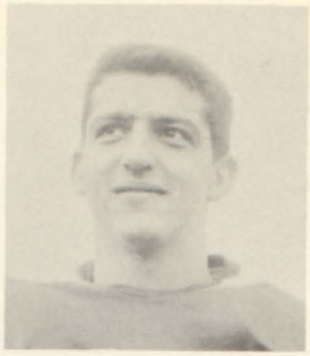

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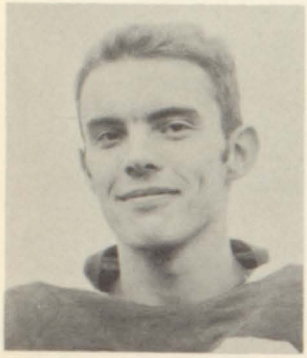

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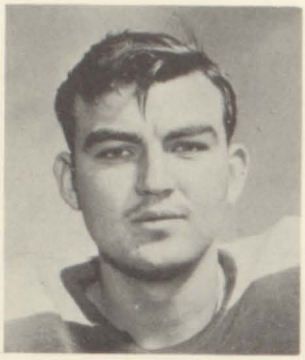

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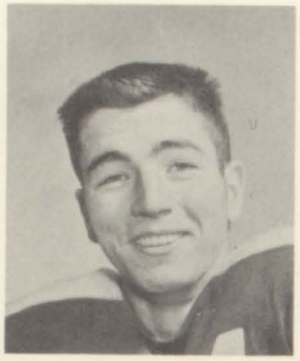

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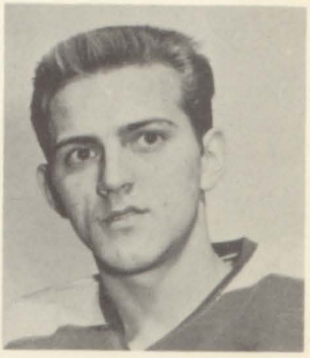

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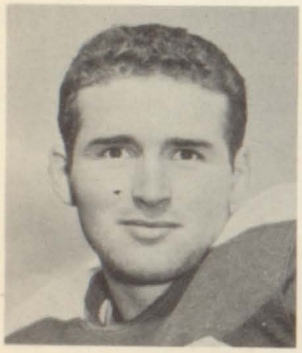

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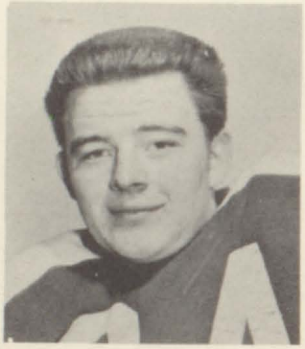

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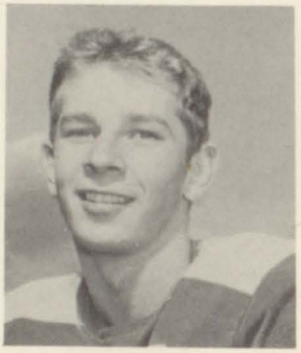

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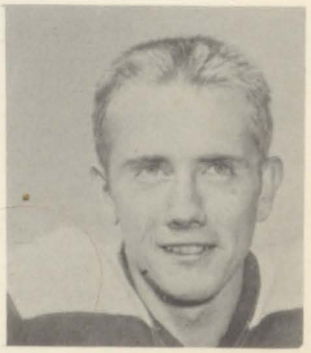

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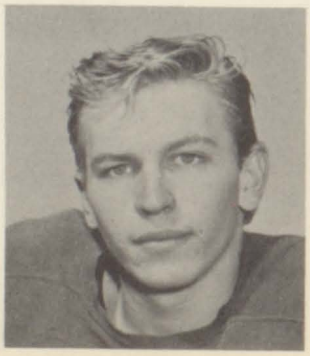

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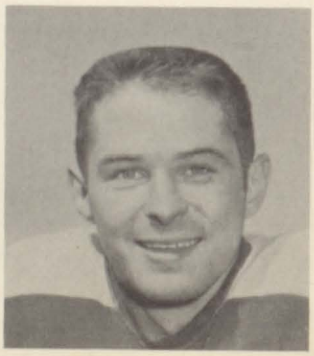

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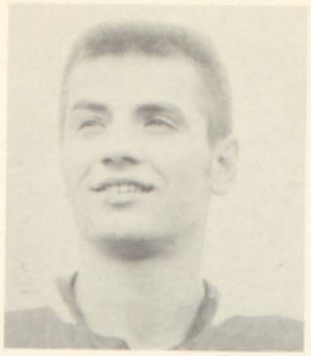

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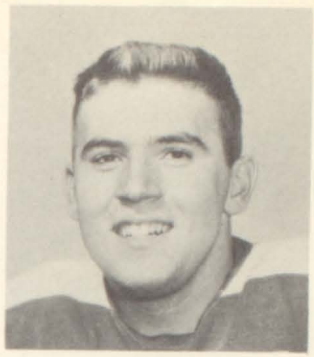

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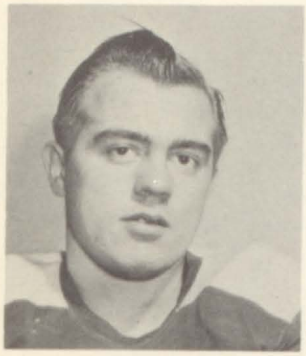

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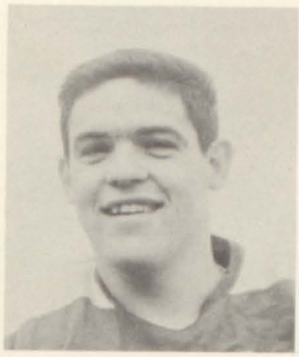

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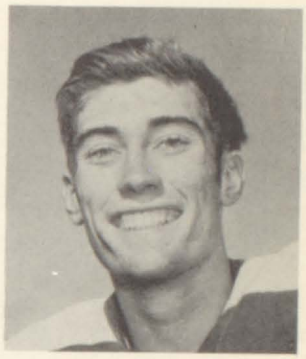

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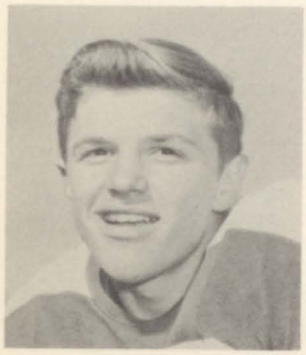

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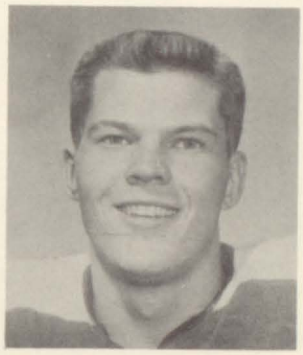

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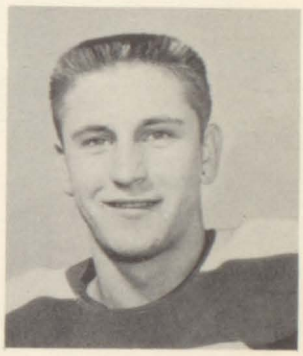

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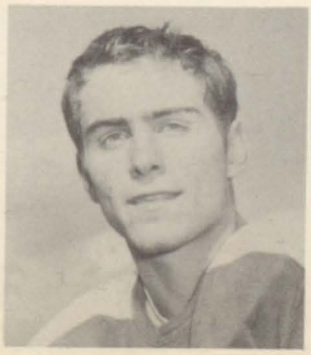

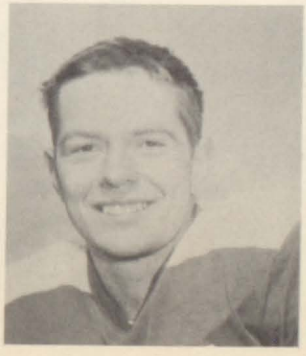

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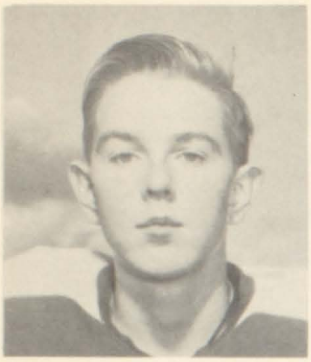

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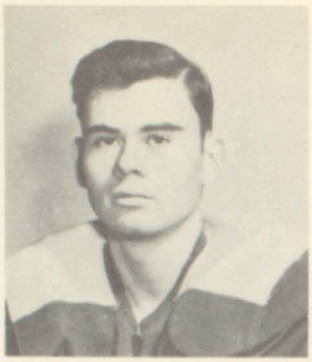

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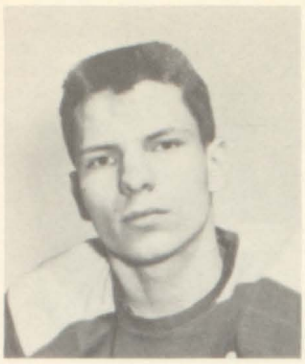

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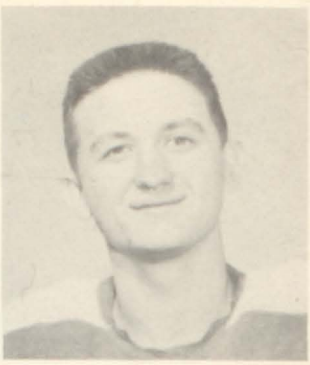

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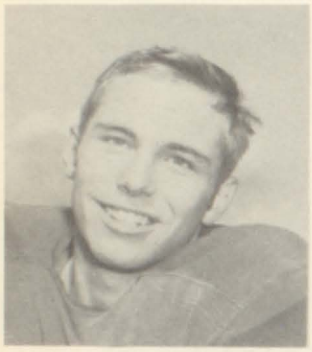

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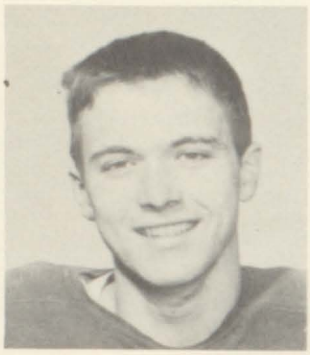

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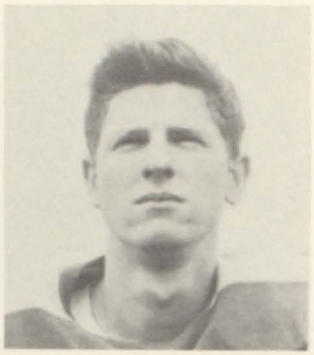

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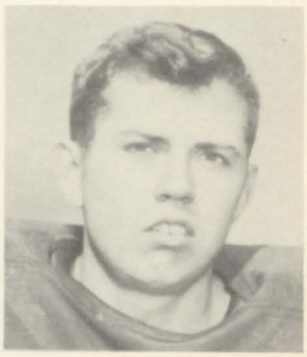

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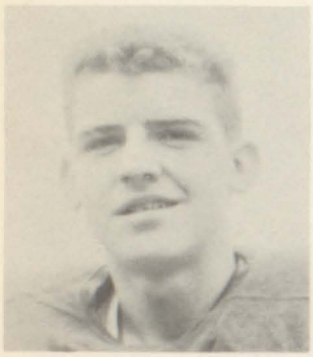

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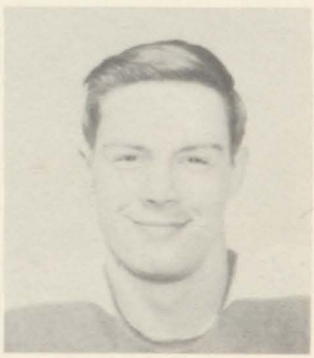

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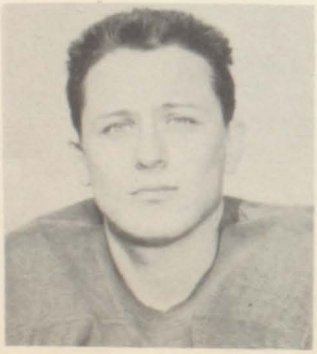


DON LUNSFORD
Student Manager

MR. DEMAREE
Coach

Coach Demaree

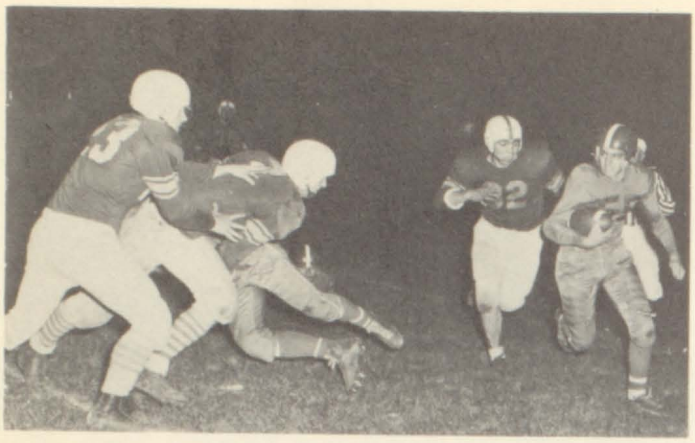
ROW 1: D. Knauer, R. Snodgrass, G. Clements, R. Harbit, J. Lowe, B. Cook, H. Byerly, D. Bartos, T. Gilrowki,
ROW 2: J. Nemeth, H. Wegman, B. Minniti, T. Manford, D. Maddock, G. Harding, J. Ginks, J. Coster, J. Shaply.
ROW 3: T. Riddle, B. Scott, D. Marsalek, A. Killion, A. Richa, R. Pessmeg, R. Lewis, R. Sullvian, S. Mandula, B. Matthews, Coach Stefek.

Reserve Football

The Pirates' Reserve team, under the capable coaching of Coach Stefek, went through the 1954 Season very successfully, compiling a 4-3-1 record. This is a very remarkable achievement, considering that almost the entire Reserve team had moved up to the Varsity the year before. The Reserves showed some Freshman strength, and if some more line power develops, the Reserves of 1955 should fare well.

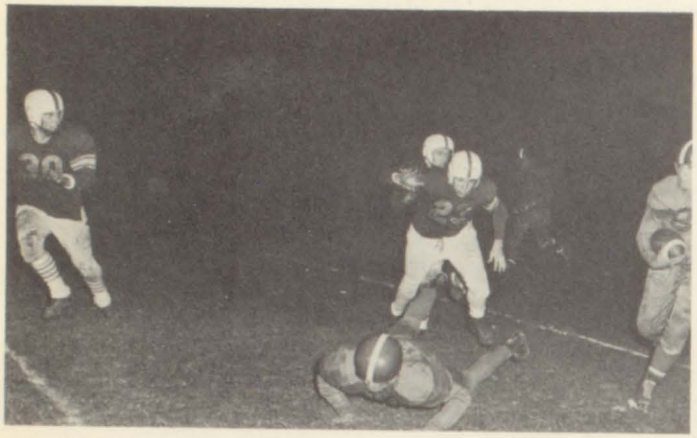
The importance of a strong Reserve team is obvious. The strength of the Varsity depends solely on how strong and well-coached the Reserve squad is.

No coach, experienced or not, can build a strong Varsity squad without a Reserve squad to fall back on to replace graduated Seniors. This year's Reserve squad was very strong and should, indeed, help the Varsity next year.



ON HIS WAY--Bob Covaciu, Senior back, carries the mail on an end-run for a sizable gain against Gary Edison.

ONE DOWN, YARDS TO GO--Bob Layman, Junior work-horse of the Pirates, uses the last of his blockers as he goes for a T.D. in the Gary Edison game.

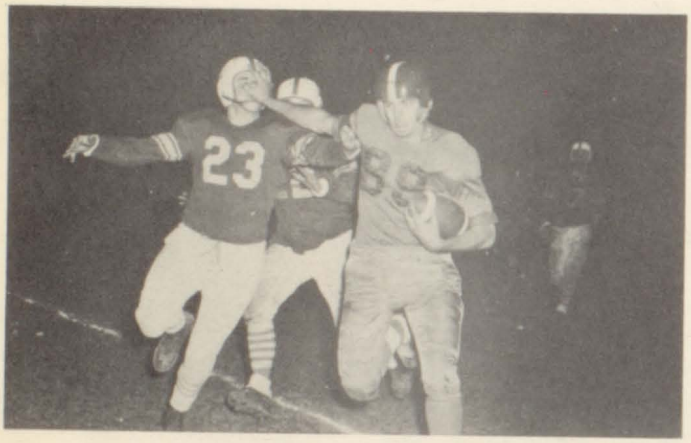


Schedule 1954

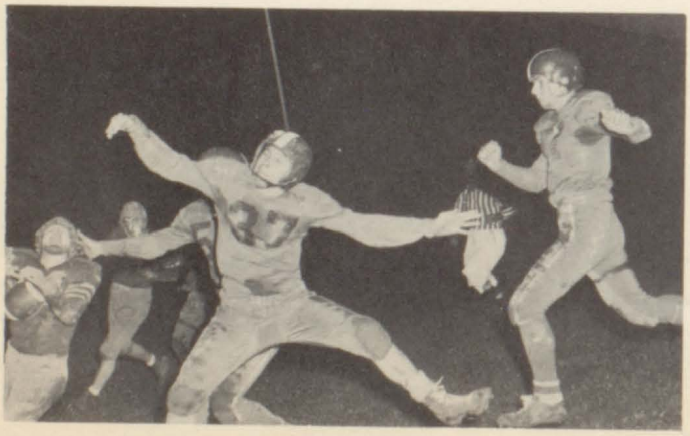
Won 6 - Lost 4 - Tied 0

Merr.		Opp.
19	East Gary	0
13	*Portage	32
19	Crown Point	6
43	*Lowell	0
7	*Griffith	27
33	Gary Wirt	6
0	*Hobart	13
19	Valparaiso	7
6	*Gary Edison	10
39	Dyer	0

* Calumet Conference Games



Coach Demaree
Man of Steel Nerves



TOUCH-ME-NOT--Dick Poling, Captain and Senior end, here caught a pass and galloped 47 yards before he was pushed out. This set up M.H.S.'s only T.D. against Edison.

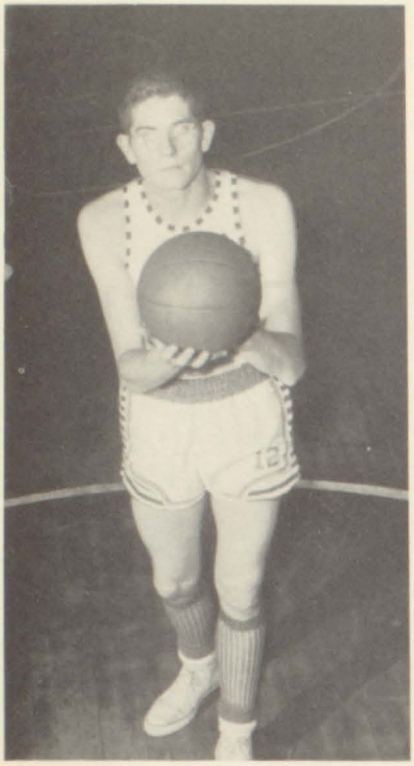
BUTTERFINGERS--Brilliant defense by Merrillville cost the Hobart Brickies a completed pass in this action.

Varsity

Student Manager- Don Lunsford, Larry Lavery, Bob Covaciu, Vincent Bloomily, Richard Lehman, Arlan Cole, Don Hatten, Ken Metcalf, Byron Buhr, Dave Metcalf, David Cain, Bob Angerman. Kneeling in front: Coach Ed Englehart.

Reserves

Left to right, kneeling: Jerry Massengill, Tom Gilrowski, Bill Fratzke, Denny Madera, Jim King, Bryant Matthews. Standing: Coach Bill Metcalf, Bob Cook, Peter Grasinger, Don Bartos, Bob Vickroy, Jim Lowe, Don Maddock, Student Manager- John Senko.



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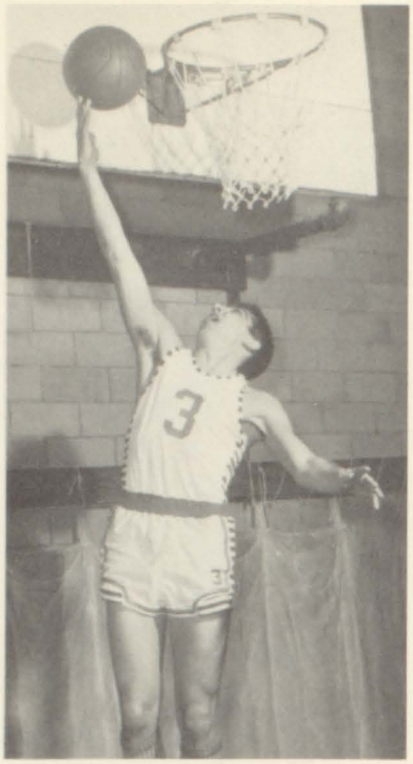
Senior



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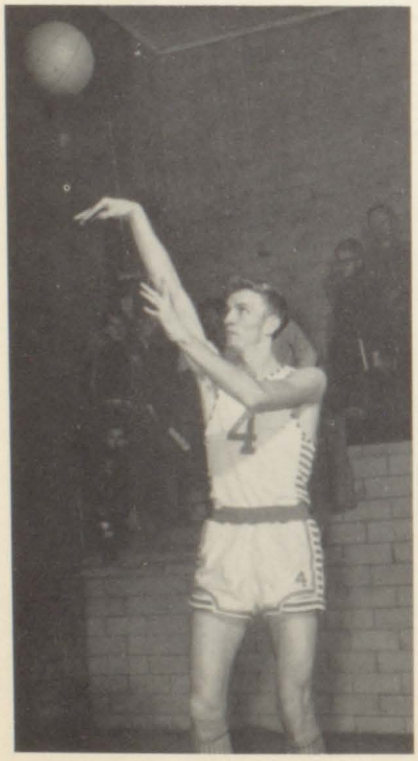
DICK LEHMAN
Senior

Pirates

ARLAN COLE
Senior



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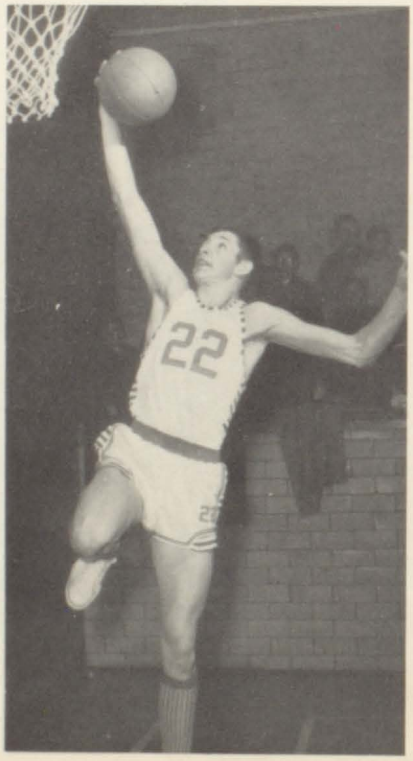

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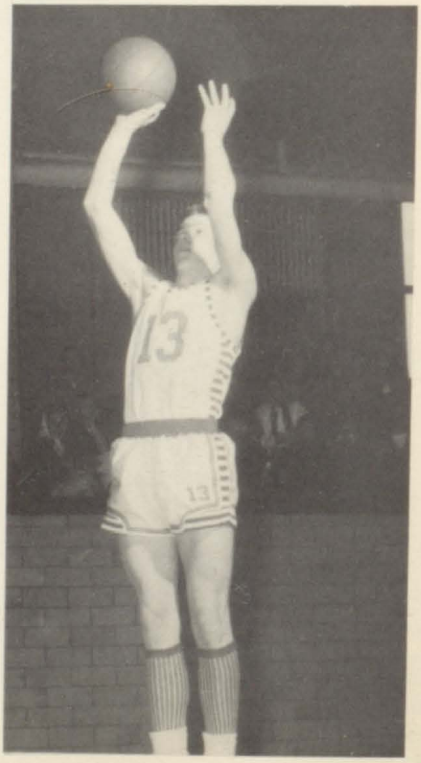

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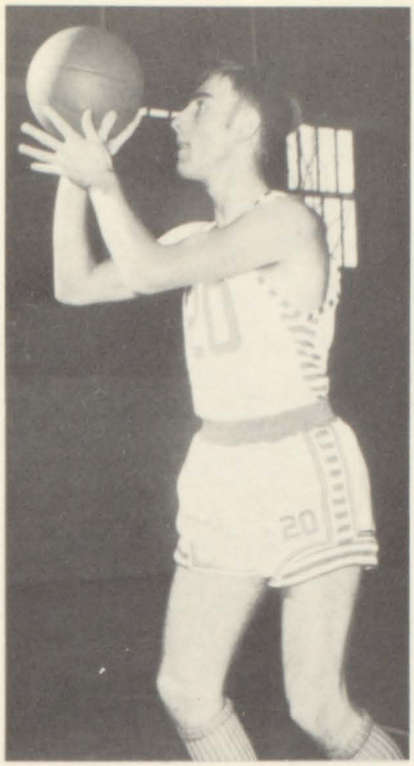

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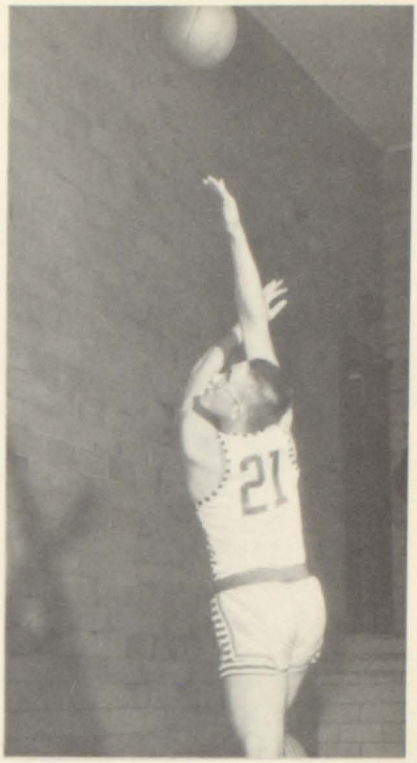

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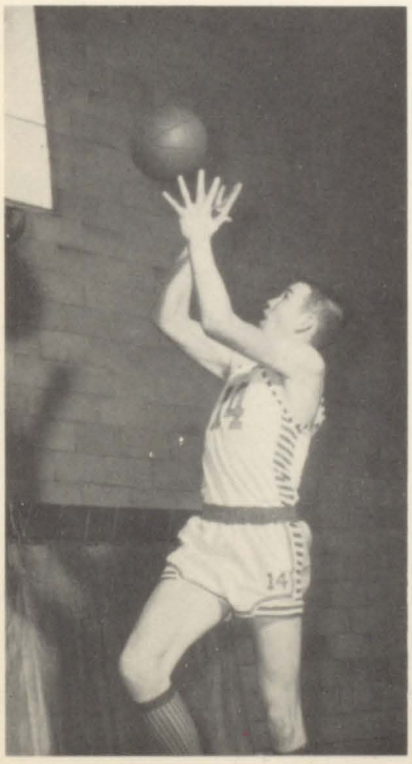
Junior

Varsity

BYRON BUHR
Junior



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Junior

ARNOLD DEWELL
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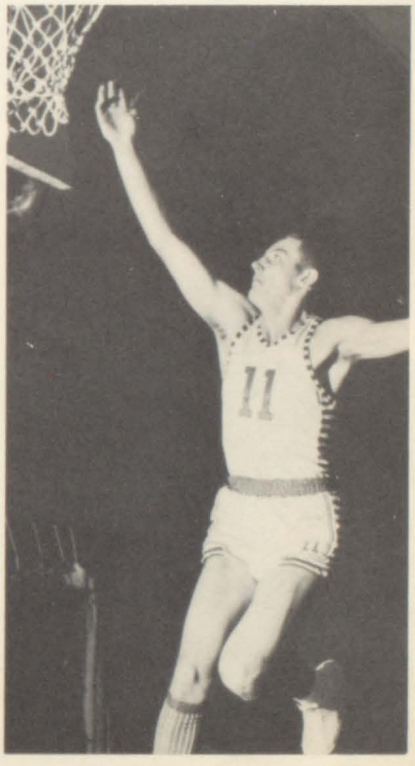

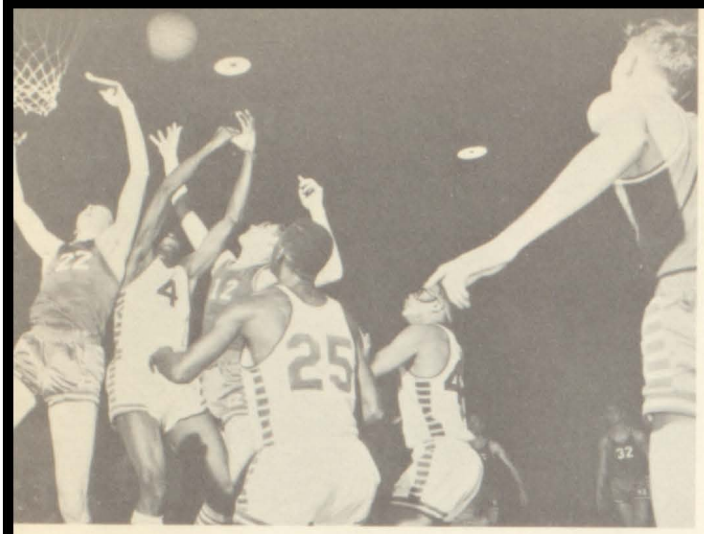

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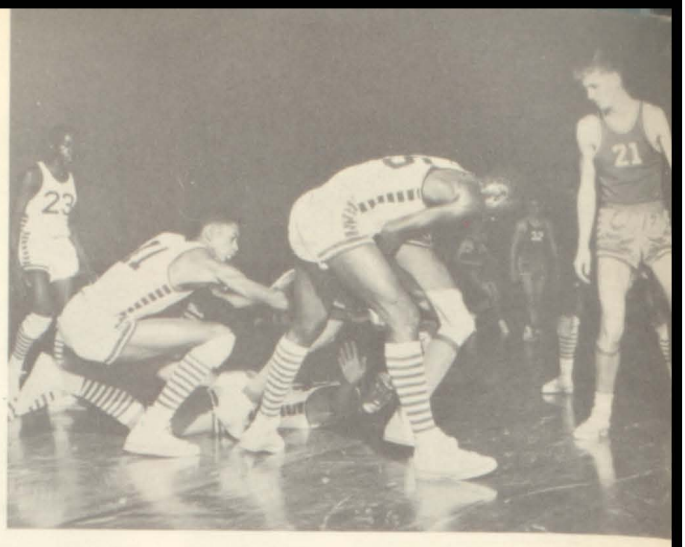

"Don't Fight It, Boys"

1954-55 Schedule

Won 16-Lost 6

Merr.		Opp.
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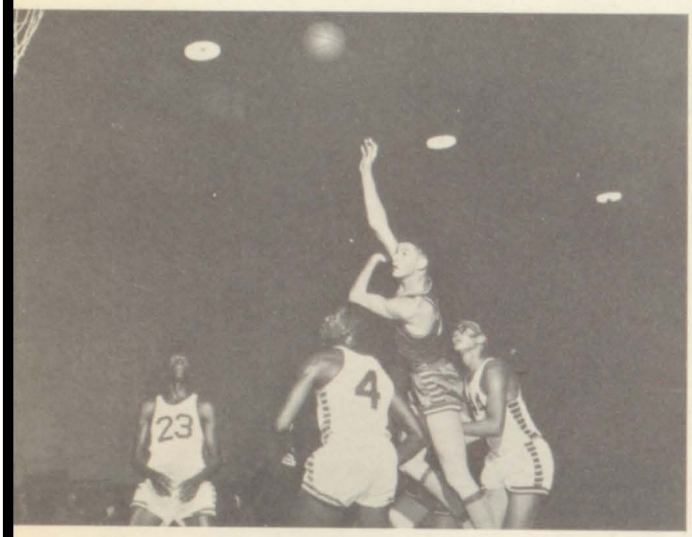
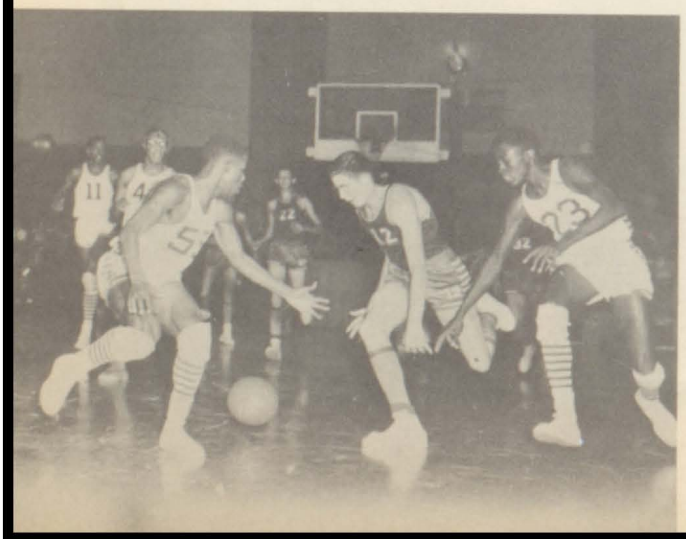
41	Roosevelt (Gary)	54
63	Chesterton	78
44	Calumet Twp.	45
70	Hebron	39
68	Portage	48
45	Hammond (Noll)	75
	Crown Point Tourney	
70	Crown Point	34
46	Knox	38
64	Hobart	40
77	Dyer	46
	Edison Tourney	
56	Griffith	37
50	Hammond (Morton)	33
34	Crown Point	28
48	Griffith	44
57	East Gary	24
57	Gary Wirt	39
56	Hammond (Morton)	49
85	Lowell	35
75	Edison (OT)	81
	Gary Sectionals	
78	Calumet Twp.	42
54	Roosevelt	62

Tied for Calumet Conference Championship with Gary Edison, with a 7-1 record.



"Two For Spider"

"Go, Man, Go"



"This is a Basketball?"

Front Row: John Senko, Student Manager; Jim Davies, Bob Angerman, Terry Gill, Bob Jeffery, Bob Scott, Jim Lowe, Wenzel Wegman. Back Row: Don Lundsford, Student Manager; Vincent Bloomily, Don Bartos, Arnold Dewell, Ken Metcalf, Richard Lehman, Steve Ratajec, Bill Craig, Bob Layman, Coach Ed Englehart.

BASEBALL

Baseball has developed into a very lively sport at Merrillville. It is becoming very popular as it provides a spring sport. The baseball team has won the Calumet Conference flag for the last three years and tied for two others. This also provides an incentive to play, as students wish to participate with a winning team.

The team was well rounded out this year. They had a fine staff of returning lettermen and some first year boys that bolstered the staff well.

The pitching staff was headed by Vince Blomily, a big right-hander. Vince was No. 1 pitcher last season. Behind him was Bob Angerman and Bob Jeffery, a left-hander. Angerman made a fine showing as a semi-starter and reliefer last year, and Jeffery showed promise in relief. There were some pitching candidates in the rookies and they produced a fine overall pitching staff.

Returning lettermen for the infield were: Ken Metcalf, Dick Lehman, Terry Gill, and Bob Layman. Metcalf, Lehman, and Gill were first-string infielders last year, handling first, second, and short respectively. Layman, playing behind the polished Lenny Schmidt for three years, then was open to come into his own.

In the outfield we had returning letterman Bill Craig, flanked by Jim Davies, Bob Scott, and other potentials. Craig is a power-hitter who went for the long ball and supplied punch to the line-up.

Behind the plate was Steve Ratajec backed up by Arnold Dewell. Ratajec is brilliant defensively and an average hitter. Dewell saw action last year and was ready to step in and take over if the situation presented itself.

D. Hatten, K. Metcalf, B. Buhr, P. Gransinger, V. Bloomily, D. Metcalf, B. Angerman, D. Cain, B. Vickroy, R. Barbercheck, J. Massengill, D. Maddeira, B. Matthews, J. King, B. Fratzke, J. Kitchell, C. Massey.

Cross Country

This years' Cross Country was more popular among the Merrillville boys than ever before. It provided a fall sport for those boys who did not participate in football. The 1954 Cross Country team took part in many meets last fall which were held in Gleason Park. The course was composed of a two mile run around the Gleason Golf Course. The Calumet Conference finals were held at Valpariso University. The team was very successful in most of the individual performances. There were some very promising athletes on the team this year and barring accidents, the 1955 Cross Country team should be better than ever.

ACTIVITIES

That's the Greatest Feeling in the World!

"Moonlight And Roses"

On May 1, 1954, the Junior-Senior Prom took place in the Croatian Center. The couples danced to the music of Ken Knowland and his orchestra. During the course of the evening, the couples were busy signing memory books and having their pictures taken.

As the couples entered the hall, they were in a garden of roses. An archway decorated with roses was placed at the entrance, while there was a miniature fence also decorated with roses. In one corner of the hall there was a big shining moon hanging over a wishing well.

The highlight of the evening came with the crowning of Queen Nancy Appleton and King Steve Ratajec. Nancy and Steve were crowned by last year's reigning pair, Carol Cicenas and Don Hurlburt. The King and Queen then led the couples through the grand march.

The strains of "Moonlight and Roses", the theme of the Prom, came only too soon, signifying that only memories were to remain of the 1954 Junior-Senior Prom.

It's a Grand Night for Marching!

Grand march gets underway!!

More fun!!

Where to now??

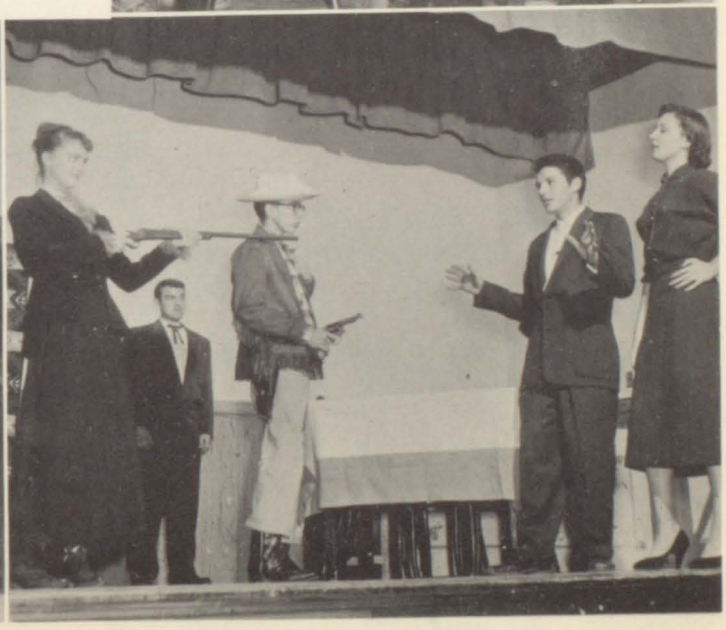
Senior

Ellen Leighton . . . . JoAnn Davids
Charita . . . . . Wanda Frogge
Sheriff Lem Pike . . . . Bill Nichols
Callie Hopkins . . . . Gerrie Griffin
Luther Hopkins . . . Larry Nemeth
Charlie Sands . . . . . Jerry Pierce
Lizzie . . . . . Shirlee Razus
Aggie . . . . . Marilyn Wielgus
Letitia Corberry, "Tish" . . . .
. . . . . Beth Wilburn
Bettina Trent . Judy Showalterbaugh
Wesley Andrews . . Bert Stringham
Denby Grimes . . Ron Barbercheck
Dorice Gaylord . . . Marlene Melat

Play

On November 12 and 13, Tish, a three act comedy by Alice Chadwicke, was presented by the senior class. Mr. John Beasley directed the play.

Tish is a story of a middle-aged spinister who is continually getting herself in and out of trouble. She and her two companions, Lizzie and Aggie, start on a tour of the southwest. The tour ends suddenly when Tish drives her car through Luther Hopkin's plate glass window. This starts a series of incidents through which she recovers Aggie's lost teeth and straightens out the tangled romances of Bettina and Wesley and Charlie and Ellen. Along with the help of Sheriff Lem Pike, Tish captures a burglar and his moll, disguised as a movie producer and a Hollywood actress. Adding a touch of humor to the play was Charita, the Mexican maid, and Callie's relationship to Ellen produces understanding.



Junior Play

On March 31, and April 1, the Junior Class presented in the school gym the play, "There is Always A Murder." The cast chosen by Mr. Beasley were as follows:

Inspector O'Reilly- Bob Layman
Kim Taylor- Wenzel Wegman
Mulligan- Don Meyer
Steve Haywood- Richard Velasco
Drucilla Taylor- Joanne FitzGerald
Mrs. Biddle- Diane Rose
Mrs. Oscar Merrygold- Elanore Larimer
Katharin Horton- Irene Sumrdy
Rosaline- Charlene Jandura
Mrs. Henrietta Jordon Smythe- Norma Jones

The plot of the play centers around Kim and Drucilla Taylor, a young married couple, whose troubles begin when they move into an apartment four flights up. Miss Katharin Horton, a famous pianist, visits the Taylors. She tells them that her partner, Lawrence Sheppard, had disappeared suddenly. It came about that this Sheppard fellow was a step-brother of a former tenant, Steve Haywood, and slowly Drucilla began to solve the mystery. But in turn, Kim proves who the murderer is when he is left alone one night and the murderer returns to the scene of the crime.

"Oh, no!"

"It's a wonderful world!"

"Understand??"

LAYOUT: Shirlee Razus, Miss Workman, Jo Ann Davids.

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At last, Merrillville has a Journalism Class which really helps when it comes to putting out the Annual and Mirror. The class is supervised by a new teacher to the school, Miss Joyce Workman.

The functions of the class are to organize and put out the school paper every two weeks and to see that the Annual gets out on time at the end of the year.

The school paper is called the Mirror and consists of news, features and sport stories in and around the school.

The Annual is called the Merrillrue and is financed by the classes and the various clubs. The Journalism students identified pictures and wrote the history of the various groups which appear in the Annual. The editors were kept busy with layout work and seeing it got to the printers on time.

Many hours of work went into the Mirror and Annual and we hope that those who read and look at this book will enjoy it.

ANNUAL STAFF, Standing: Nancy Frazure, Art Editor; Shirlee Razus, Photography Editor; Judy Showalterbaugh, Layout Editor; Bill Nichols, Sport Editor; Sharon Marshall, Copy Editor; Bert Stringham, Business Manager. Sitting: Jo Ann Davids, Editor-in-Chief.

LAYOUT: Wanda Frogge, Virginia Reid, Warren Winders, Pat Lewis.

Journalism Class

Mirror and Annual Staff

Stenciling

Barbara Yester, Mariann Vereb, Donna Hickman, Judy Clark, and Sharon Sievert.

Delivering Papers

Beth Burton, Barbara Macy, Lois Kros, Judy K. Meyer, and Teresa Cochran.

Proofreading

Julie Harlow, Peggy Severance, Sally Luebcke, LuElla Bardwell, and Carol Bastian.

Left to Right: Mrs. Teresa Varro, Mrs. Marguerite Gilliland, Mrs. Mabel Midgett, Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Pauline Newcomb.

If you happened to smell home cooked aromas, you undoubtedly found that it came from the cafeteria where delicious meals were being served by the cooks.

Cooks And Janitors

Our pleasant and helpful janitors spent many long hours in making the school clean and livable and kept the furnaces blasting on cold winter days.

Left to Right: Mr. Charles Klimn, Mr. Elmer Stowell, Mr. Charles Henrichs, Mr. Edward Niksch, Mr. Joe Rendo.
Not pictured: Mr. Pierce.

Senior Activities

NANCY APPLETON G. A. A. 1,2,3, President 4; Pep Club 1,2,4; Sunshine 1; Student Council 1, Treasurer 2,3,4; Prom Queen.
CHUCK ASHTON Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.
JAMES BACKE Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.
PAT BANSER Glee Club 3; Annual Staff 3.
RONALD BABERCHECK Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4.
LUELLA BARDWELL G. A. A. 1,2; F. H. A. 1; Sunshine 1,3; Speech 3,4; Glee Club 3; Latin 4.
DELBERT BATEMAN Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.
PEGGY BERRIER G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; F. H. A. 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,
DAVID BLACK Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Mirror Staff 1,2.
BETH BURTON Calumet H. S. 1,2; F. H. A. 3,4; Glee Club 3,4; Latin 4; Science 4; Speech 4; English Contest 3.
JERRY CHENTNIK Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Letterman's Club 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Choir 2,3,4.
JUDY CLARK G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,4; Sunshine 1,4.
TERESA COCHRAN F. H. A. 1,2; Parliamentarian, 3,4; Glee Club 3; Sunshine 4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.
ARLAN COLE Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Letterman's Club 3,4.
SUE COOL G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,4.
JAMES COSTER Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 4; Camera 1,2,3,4.
BOB COVACIU Class President 1; Student Council 1,4; President; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Letterman's Club 3,4; Football 1,2,3, All-conference 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4;
BILL CRAIG Jr. Hi-Y 1, Secretary 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Letterman's Club 3, President 4; Student Council 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 3,4.
JOANN DAVIDS G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Student Council 4, Secretary; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Mirror Staff 3,4; Annual Staff 3,4; Editor; Senior Play; Choir 2.
JUANITA DAVIS G. A. A. 1,2,3,4 Reporter; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Mirror Staff 3; Choir 2.
BRUCE DEPEW Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.
CORALIE DEVRIES G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; F. H. A. 1,2,3 Vice President, 4.
ALBERT DEYOUNG Dyer 1,2,3; F. F. A. 4.
JOSEPH DOUTHETT F. F. A. 1,2,3,4 President; Letterman's Club 4; Football 1,2,3,4.
JACK ELKINS Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.
WARREN ENGSTROM Class Secretary 2; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Letterman's Club 4; Football 1,2,3,4.
PHILIP FISHER F. F. A. 1,2,3; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.
JILL FRANK G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Mirror Staff 2,3; F. H. A. 3,4 Treasurer; Glee Club 3; Athletic Queen 3; English 3; Choir 3.
RONALD FRANKOVICH Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Camera 4; Choir 4.
NANCY FRAZURE S. S. S. 1,2,3,4; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Camera Club 2; Science Club 4.
WANDA FROGGE F. H. A. 1,2,3,4; G. A. A. 2,3,4; Glee Club 3,4; Senior Play; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.
JAMES GILDERSLEEVE Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Science Club 1; Football 1,2,3
LARRY GOLKOWSKI Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Letterman's Club 3,4 Treasurer; Science Club 1; Junior Play; Football 1,2,3,4.
GERRIE GRIFFIN G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; S. S. S. 4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4, Production Manager.

DAVID GUST Camera Club 1; Jr. Hi-Y 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3; Mirror Staff 1,2.
RALPH HALFMAN none.
JULIE HARLOW S. S. S. 1,2,3; G. A. A. 2; Glee Club 3; Speech Club 3,4 Secretary; Latin Club 4.
BILL HENDERSON California 1,2,3; Camera Club 4; Sr. Hi-Y 4.
DONNA HICKMAN G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; F. H. A. 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4.
CAROL HUNTER G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; F. H. A. 1,2,3,4 Sergeant-at-Arms; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; Junior Play.
SHIRLEY HURLBURT G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; F. H. A. 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1.
RALPH JEFFERY Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 4; Camera Club 3,4 Vice President; Football 1,2.
RICHARD JEFFERY Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Football 1.
ROBERT JEFFERY Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Camera Club 3,4 President; Letterman's Club 4; Baseball 3,4; Football 1.
NANCY JENKINS G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; F. H. A. 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3 Sergeant-at-Arms, 4.
JEANNINE JEVICKS G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; F. H. A. 2,3 Treasurer, 4 President; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 3 Vice President; Student Council 4 Vice President; Choir 4.
JOYCE JOHNSON G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 3; F. H. A. 3,4; S. S. S. 4; Student Council 2.
DON JONES Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Camera Club 3,4; Sr. Hi-Y 4; Football 1,2.
CURTIS KILLION Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Camera Club 1; Letterman's Club 4; Football 1, 2, 4 All-conference Honorable Mention.
CLAUDE KLINGAMAN Jr. Hi-Y 1,2.
TOM KOKINDA Class President 4; Class Vice President 3; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3; Science 1; Camera Club 1; Student Council 3,4; Letterman's Club 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4.
ANNA KOPSCICK G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 3; F. H. A. 3,4 Parliamentarian; S. S. S. 4.
LOIS KROS G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 3 Treasurer, 4; F. H. A. 3,4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.
LARRY LAPE Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Science Club 3,4.
MARY LOU LAWRENCE G. A. A. 1,2.
DON LECIK Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Camera Club 1,2.
ARLETHA LEGGITT G. A. A. 1,2,3,4.
RICHARD LEHMAN Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Letterman's Club 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4.
DON LOLLIS Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.
PAT LEWIS F. H. A. 1,2,3 Historian, 4; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 3 Treasurer, 4; Choir 3; Sextette 3; State Contest 2nd; Pep Club 1,2,3,4.
SALLY LUEBCKE G. A. A. 2,3,4; S. S. S. 4; F. H. A. 4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.
MALCOLM LUNSFORD Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Letterman's Club 4; Football 1,2,3,4.
APRIL MAIHOFER G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; S. S. S. 3,4; Glee Club 3,4; Junior Play.
JEANETTE MANDLY G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; F. H. A. 3,4; Glee Club 3; S. S. S. 4.
SHARON MARSHALL G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; F. H. A. 3,4; Annual Staff 4 Copy Editor; Mirror Staff 3,4; Choir 1,2; Class Treasurer 2.
TOM MAYER Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Letterman's Club 4; Football 1, 2,3,4 All-Conference Honorable Mention.
MARLENE MELAT G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 3,4; F. H. A. 3,4 Secretary; Senior Play.

KENNY METCALF Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4 Reporter; Letterman's Club 3,4 Vice President, Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Cross Country 2,3,4.
LARRY NEMETH Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4 Secretary; Basketball 2; Football 1,2,4; Senior Play.
BILL NICHOLS Science Club 3,4 President; Camera Club 4; Student Council 4; Mirror Staff 2,3,4; Annual Staff 4 Sports Editor; Class Sergeant-at-Arms 4; Junior Play; Senior Play.
RAY NILES Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Camera Club 4; Choir 3,4; Junior Play.
ANDY PAVLOV Class Secretary 4.
NANCY PETERSON G. A. A. 1,2,3,4 Treasurer; Pep Club 2,3,4; F. H. A. 3,4 Historian; Choir 2,3,4.
JERRY PIERCE Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Letterman's Club 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Senior Play.
RICHARD POLING Jr. Hi-Y 1,2 Sergeant-at-Arms; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4 Vice President; Letterman's Club 3,4 Historian; Class Treasurer 3; Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 2,3; Football 1,2,3 All-Conference, 4 Second Team.
MARY PRICE G. A. A. 1; S. S. S. 1; Glee Club 3,4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.
STEVE RATAJEC Jr. Hi-Y 1 Vice President, 2 President; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4 President; Class President 3; Student Council 2,3,4; Choir 4; Prom King; Letterman's Club 3 Vice President 4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3 Honorable Mention, 4 All-Conference Second Team.
SHIRLEE RAZUS G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Camera 1,2,3,4 Secretary; Pep Club 1, 2,3,4; Glee Club 3,4;
RICHARD SADLER Dyer 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Camera Club 4; F. F. A. 4.
PEGGY SEVERANCE S. S. S. 1,2,3,4; G. A. A. 4; F. H. A. 4; Choir 1,2,4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.
JOYCE SHANNON G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; S. S. S. 1,2; F. H. A. 3,4 Reporter; Glee Club 2,3; Pep Club 2,3,4.
MARGARET SHEETS Speech Club 1,2,4; Debate 1,2; Choir 2; S. S. S. 3; G. A. A. 3; Science Club 4; Latin Contest 1; Mirror Staff 2 Business Manager, 3.
JUDY SHOWALTERBAUGH S. S. S. 1,2,3,4 Vice President; G. A. A. 3,4; Camera Club 2; Pep Club 3,4; Class Treasurer 1; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; Junior Play; Senior Play.
TOM SOKOL F. F. A. 2,3,4; Camera Club 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2.
DAVID STOLTZ Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.
BERT STRINGHAM Class President 2; Student Council 1,2,4; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Science Club 3,4; Camera 4; Latin Club 4 President; Annual Staff 4; Business Manager; Junior Play; Senior Play.
KERMITA THOMPSON F. H. A. 1,2,3,4; S. S. S. 4.
MARIANN VEREB S. S. S. 1,2,3,4; F. H. A. 3,4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.
MARILYN WIELGUS G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; S. S. S. 1,2 Recording Secretary, 3, 4 Treasurer; Science Club 4; Pep Club 2,3; Cheerleader 1; Junior Play; Senior Play; Mirror Staff 3; Annual Staff 3.
BETH WILBURN Missouri 1; Choir 2,3,4 Vice President; Glee Club 3,4 President; G. A. A. 3,4; F. H. A. 3,4 Vice President; Pep Club 4; English Contest 3; Senior Play.
BARBARA YESTER G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; F. H. A. 3,4; Glee Club 3; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.
RICHARD YURKO Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Camera Club 4; Latin Club 4 Sergeant-at-Arms; Basketball 1; Baseball 1; Football 3,4.

Snap Shots

"Ain't she sweet?"

"Ladies in waiting"

"The Gang's all here"

"Swinging on a star"

"Lady Wrestlers"

"Dapper Flappers"

"Beauty and the beast"

"Always and forever"

"Bloomer Girl"

"Back seat drivers"

"Watch the birdie!"

"Ain't we got fun?"

"Don't cry little girl!"

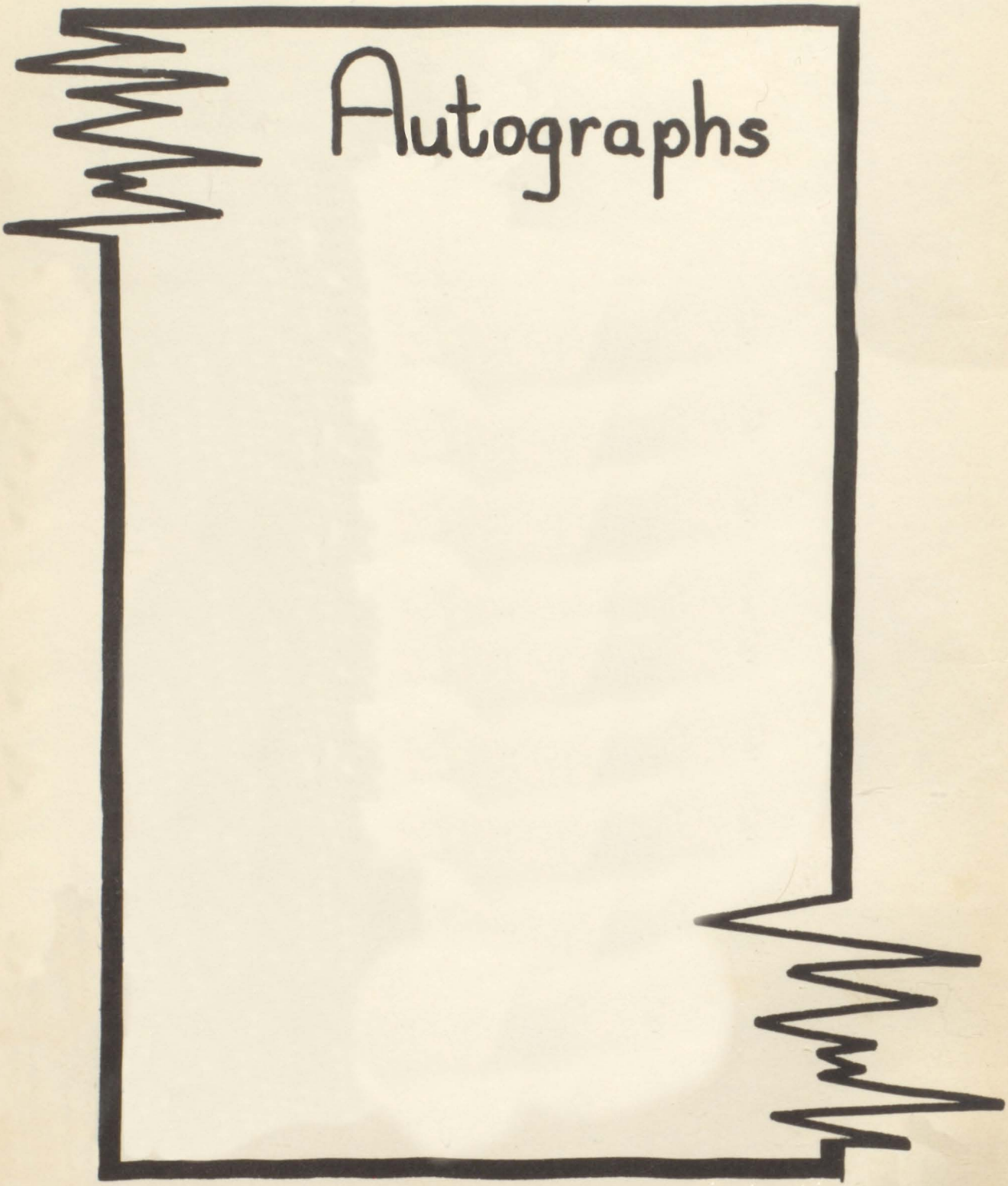
"Merrillville Can Can Line!"

"Summertime!"

"Jitter bugs!"

"Just boys!"

"Smile pretty!"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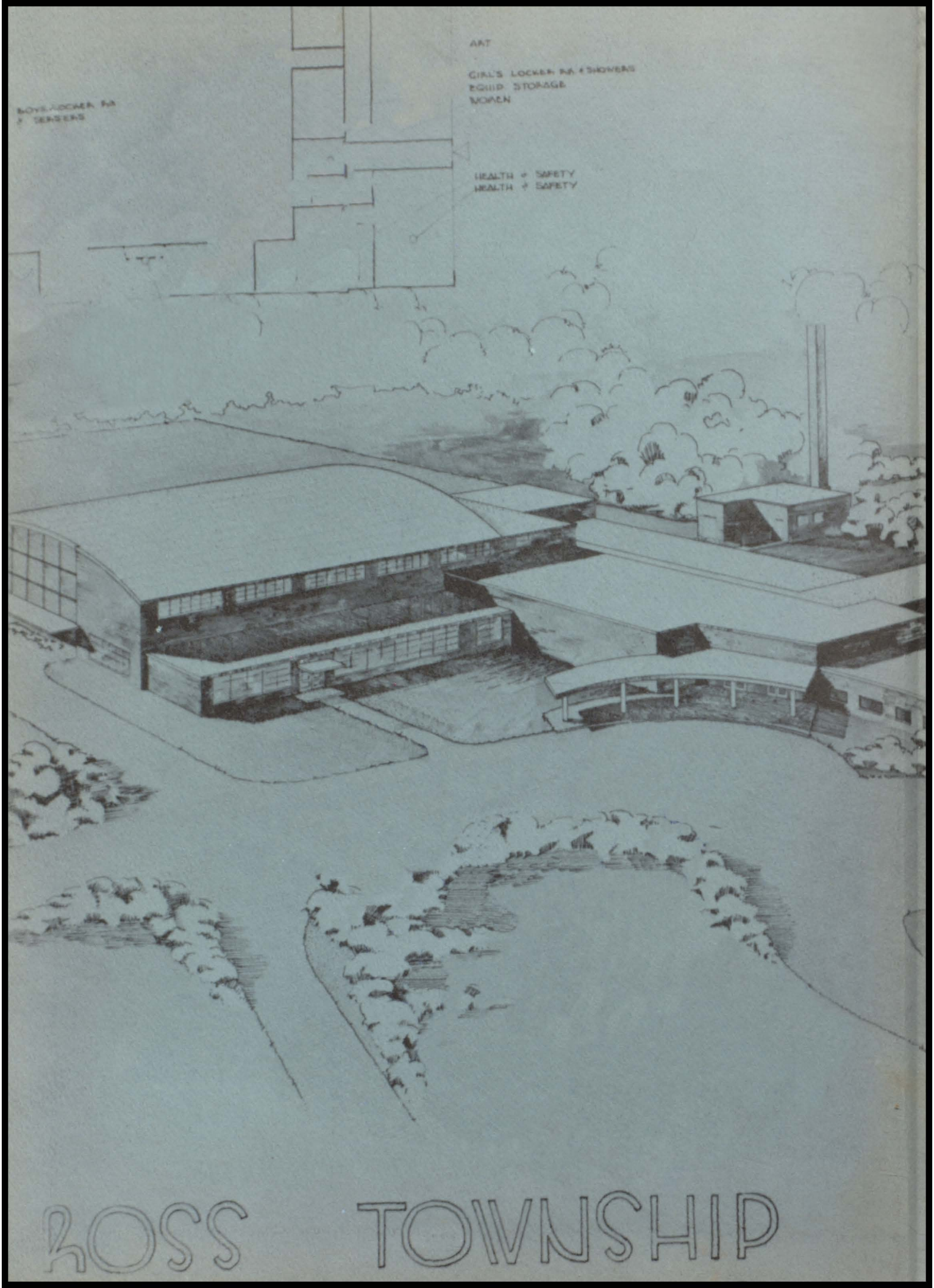
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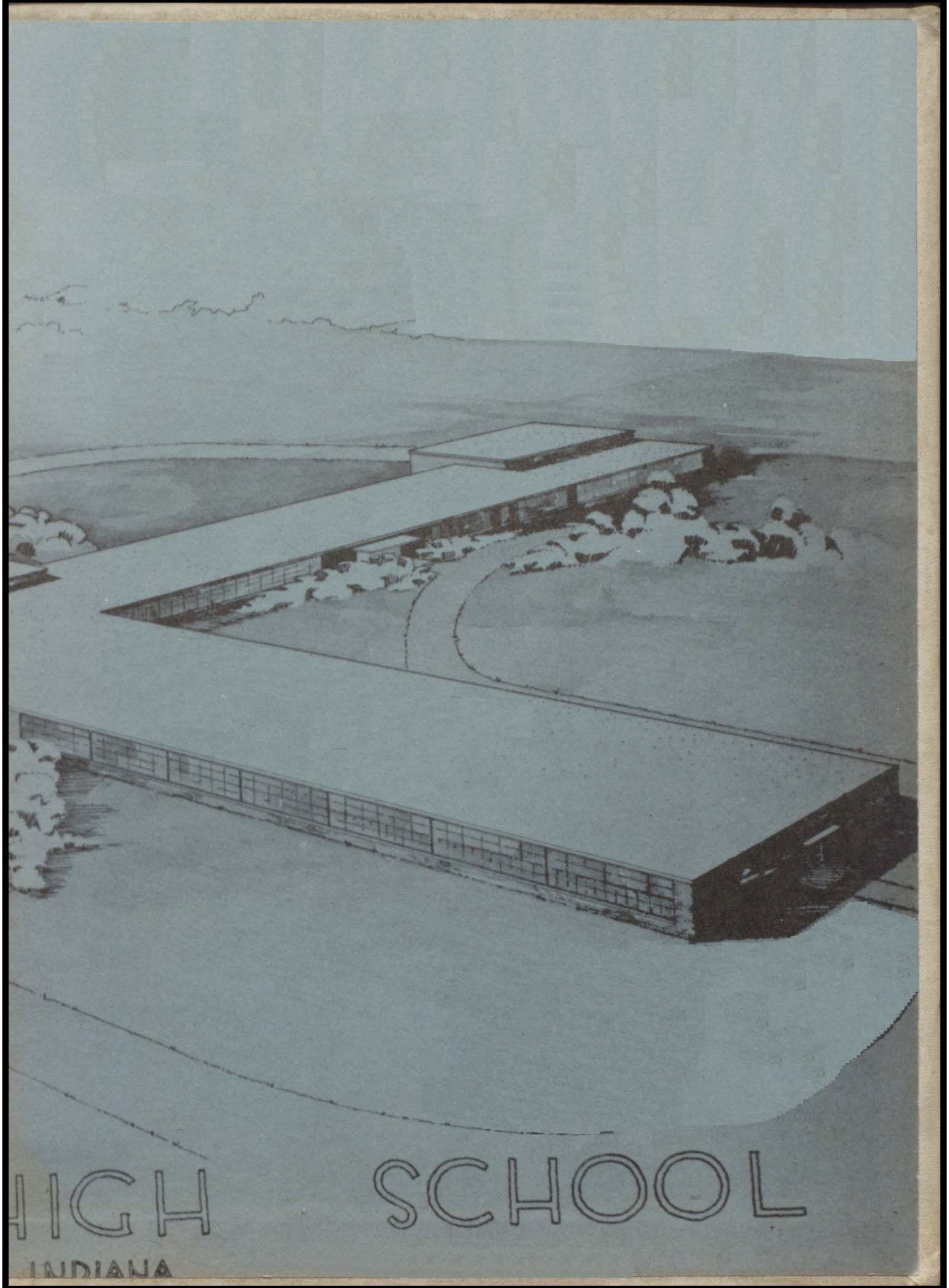
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